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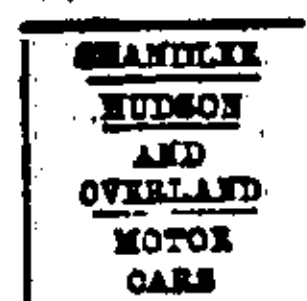
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## CRICKET NOTES.

(Special to the China Mail.)

[By "Union".]

The cricket league starts on Saturday, and hopes are being entertained of a successful season. The proposal that the home and away matches should be played has not materialized, the feeling being that with eleven clubs participating, it will be sufficient if each team meets every other team once. Now that the Inter-club cricket matches are off, there will be an abnormal number of friendly contests.

In connection with the decision of British Malaya to abandon the visit to Hongkong, I have been asked by a correspondent in that country to emphasize that the decision was made solely because the players selected were unable to obtain the necessary leave. No less than 29 cricketers were asked to join the team, and the replies received showed that five men—two from Singapore, and one each from Selangor, Perak and Penang—could make the trip. Nearly every man of any note as a cricketer found himself either unable to obtain leave or did not wish to sacrifice a long overdue trip home in order to come to Hongkong. Norman Grenier of Selangor and H. W. Cantrell of Singapore made every possible effort, but were at last forced to admit failure.

My friend in the F.M.S. writes:—The Hongkong papers have been so eagerly discussing the coming matches, and talking of this or that military cricketer who has just arrived, that we are all sorry not to be able to come here. British Malaya at the strongest would, I think, have beaten Hongkong and Shanghai. British Malaya is now much above first-class county cricket strength at home. I would have liked to see Oliver and Nicoll bowl on the Hongkong Club ground, and I do not fancy either your Colony or Shanghai could have such a quartette of batsmen as Grenier, Pringle, Scharenquiel, Stanger and Martenez.

A Craigengower team achieved a very surprising but none the less meritorious victory on Saturday, when they were opposed to a fairly strong Hongkong C.C. eleven. Even Craigengower's most optimistic supporters could not have foreseen a win. Day and Mitchell gave Hongkong a good start, the former playing with his wonted freedom and the latter bringing of a series of stylish but safe strokes on both sides of the wicket. Mitchell has started the season well and should be one of the Club's mainstays this year.

Goodall, Withnell and Bradbury all entered double figures for Kowloon but none of them was allowed to get the upper hand of the bowling. With seven wickets fallen and 58 runs more to get to win, it seemed as if all was over for the shuffling. The light was beginning to fail and Omar realised that his best policy was to hit out utterly regardless of caution, for only such desperate methods could be of any avail.

And the desperate methods came off, for Omar knocked ball after ball to the boundary, obtaining nine fours and a six, and the score rose so rapidly that a victory for Craigengower came within the bounds of possibility. Of course, Omar's hitting would have been useless if it had not been for the persistent and careful game played by Sousa. The latter played a perfectly straight bat and took a long time to make 18 runs. "Goldenberg," who last year pulled more than one Craigengower match out of the fire, put the finishing strokes on an exciting fashion. The Club sportingly played extra time. Goldenberg's first hit was a sixer, and his next won the match for his side by two wickets.

The Staff and Depts. team have reason to look forward with confidence to the coming League season, for they are undoubtedly a well balanced combination, who can be expected to give a good game to any team in the League. Last week they all but scored a victory against the C.R.C. A feature of the Staff innings was the praiseworthy batting of Bowen and Cole, where these two were in partnership. I was especially glad that Cole had put up a respectable score, for that very fine cricketer has had luck against him so far this season. Ng See Kwong, who has been so prolific a scorer lately, was once more responsible for a really sound exhibition of cricket. Lee gave several catches. The Staff would have won the match if their fielding had been better. Cole's modesty did not allow him to bowl. He might have done much

## ROUND-HEADED "SQUAREHEADS"

CHARACTERISTICS OF WAR PRISONERS.

Dr. F. G. Parsons introduced a discussion of the British Association on September 10, in the Anthropological Section on the "Racial Characters of the Modern Briton." He pointed out that there was still much difference of opinion as to whether or not the cranial index was a valuable clue to racial origin. There was a great weight of opinion in favour of the belief that there were three major racial types in the population of modern Europe, the Nordic, the Mediterranean, and the Alpine. The latter was distinguished from the two former by a higher cranial index, that is to say, by the possession of a rounded head. The value of this distinction, as well as of others, such as the orbital index, which has been used to distinguish the Nordic from the Mediterranean, the value of stature, of eye-colour, and of hair and skin colour, were all more or less in dispute. He believed that the cranial index was the most satisfactory test. He insisted on the contrast between the typical German population and that of the British Islands. Although there were pockets of round-headedness in Great Britain, the modern Briton had, on the average, the lowest cranial index in Europe. The Germans were typically round-headed. This fact had long been suspected, but the Germans, in association with their Pan-German views, had refused to collect or to publish the evidence which showed the real facts. Methodical examination of German prisoners of war which he had been allowed to make revealed that even in Schleswig-Holstein the German were round-headed. So far as psychological characters could be associated with cranial characters he believed that the round head was slow, methodical, and unwilling to take risks, and that the long head was adventurous, enterprising, and imaginative.

worse than put himself on in place of Bowen.

The Indians deserved the drubbing they received from Kowloon last Saturday, for in spite of the fact that they were meeting Kowloon's strongest eleven, they did not think it necessary to play their strongest team. The match being a friendly one, there was no reason why D. K. Samy of the University, D. K. Khosla and D. Rumpah should not have played. The I.R.C. at their strongest is weak enough in all conscience, and they should endeavour to play their best team as often as possible.

Claxton took the opportunity of considerably improving his average. His display of batting was well nigh faultless, hard and clean driving and crisp cutting between point and cover being a feature. Robinson, the veteran Kowloon captain, who had such a successful season last year, showed that he has a lot of cricket still left in him. Brans and Stalder also found that punishing tactics paid. The Indians fared ingloriously at the wickets, for Cobb was in his best form.

R.G.A. "stock" will have gone up by reason of the win they scored against the Civil Service last week. A. E. Wood performed a noteworthy feat in playing right through the innings, for the bowling of Bryson and Davies was "all there." Wood scored most of his runs off Oliver, whose medium faced breaks suited his forceful style of play. It seems strange that a team blessed with such good bowlers as Holmes and Athorne should obtain the services of a pair of bowlers like Bryson and Davies. The latter took 4 wickets for 1 run—an average that will take some beating. The R.G.A. did not fare so well in batting as some expected, and they would have lost the match if it had not been for a sound display by Telford, who is now one of the most consistent scorers in his team. The Artillery lacked Corpl. Mann, Major Downing and Gun. Baines.

The Navy cannot be dissatisfied with the result of their match against the R.E. and Indian Army, for the latter were a very strong combination. Greenaway's innings was full of merit, for he stepped out to every bowler with the utmost sang froid. Edwards' career was unfortunately cut short when he had got his eye in. Murray played enterprisingly. For the Navy, a big innings by the Naval Chaplain overshadowed everything. It is a pity that Hastings did not help the Navy when they were so sorely in need last season. H.M.S. "Hawkins" is due some time next week, and we shall then see a new Naval eleven.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The J. M. Co. s.s. "Wo Sang," (Captain G. F. James) arrived this morning from Swatow with 120 tons of cargo and mails.

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DEPARTURES.

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The s.s. "Tafuku Maru" (Captain Kitano) left to-day at noon for Canton with a cargo of coal.

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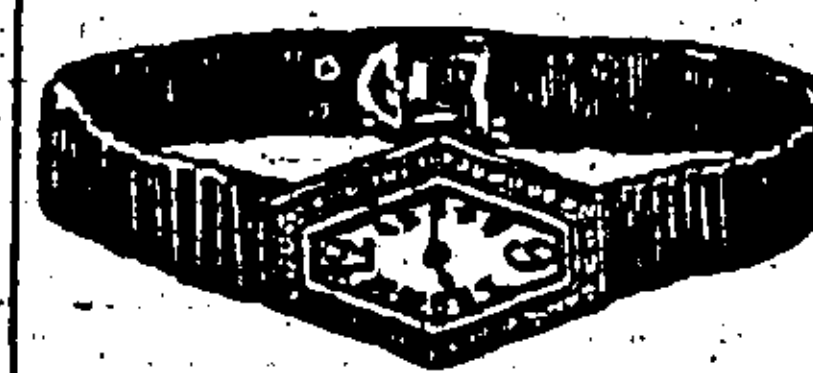
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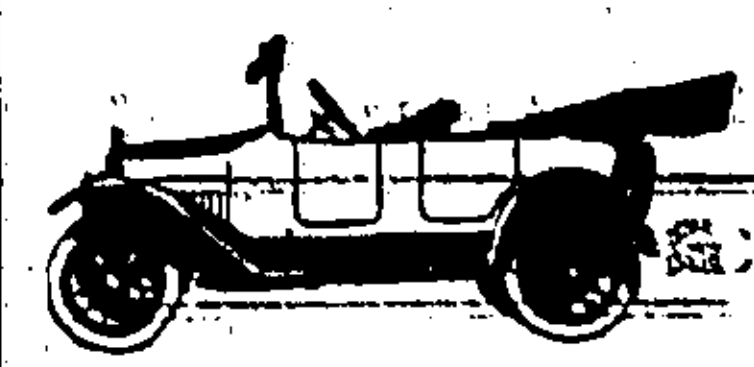
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# 62 BRIDES RETURN.

Sixty-two disinclined young French brides, says the *Intransigant*, have returned from New York to France in the mail steamer "St. Omer." They had married American soldiers, but found life in the United States unsuited to their temperaments. The strenuous existence in their new surroundings deprived marriage of its charm. Their husbands, once out of uniform and back in the whirl of business, became too much absorbed to give them the amount of attention they needed. So they felt, says the Paris journal, that their only resource was divorce and return to the country in which their sex is fully appreciated by the other and is not placed second to peevish money-making.

# POCH TO SCHOOLBOYS.

Marshal Poch, who is holiday-making in Brittany, has visited the summer school at Ker Louis, near Morlaix. He asked the boys, says the *Echo de Paris*, what they meant to be when they grew up. One, amid laughter, said: "I want to be an analytical chemist." "Don't laugh," said the marshal. "It's a very good choice. France has need of scientists for her industrial and military future. Before the war I knew a young German chemist of 35 who was earning £150,000." The lads were greatly interested in a stout oak stick that the marshal was carrying. "This is my week-day marshal's baton," he said with a laugh. "The Sunday one is at my headquarters in its case. This stick was given to me in the trenches by my police. With it I drew in the sand at Doullens the plan of my final offensive." One big boy asked whether the Germans were really crushed. "Yes, my boy," was the reply. "Germany is thoroughly beaten, but it is for you boys to safeguard with wisdom and work the victory your elders won by suffering and sacrifice."

# ACCORDING TO HOYLE.

One hundred and fifty years ago on Aug. 20 there died Edmund Hoyle, the creator of modern whist. He deserves remembrance among more than card-players, for he seems to have anticipated the course of memory-training that are so widely advertised to-day. In his "Short Treatise," published anonymously in 1742, Hoyle declared that he had "framed an artificial memory which takes not off your attention from your game," a system that Mr. Pickwick, for example, would have considered low-priced at a guinea if it could have saved him from the disaster which overtook him and Miss Belsham. Hoyle lived in Queen's Square, London, and achieved such fame as a coach for whist-players that Byron could exclaim: "Troy owes to Homer what Whist owes to Hoyle." The treatise ran through five editions in a year, and the extensive piracy it suffered ultimately led the author to sign every copy.

# DR. LIM BOON KENG'S MISSION.

The Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng, O.B.E., will be leaving Singapore for Amoy by the steamer "Hong Wah," and will be away about three months. The member to fill the vacancy on the Legislative Council caused by his absence, has not, so far, been nominated. We learnt on enquiry at the Secretariat. Dr. Lim Boon Keng's advice has, it is stated, been sought for, in connection with the scheme which has been mooted for the building of a modern town of Amoy, on a new site, not far from the present city, which would have had to be pulled down altogether if it was to be made a modern city. The new Amoy will, it is hoped, be an up-to-date town, not only in the size of its buildings, but also from a sanitary point of view, and it is in this connection that Dr. Lim Boon Keng's experienced views are being sought after.

# POLICEMAN'S RISE TO BRIGADIER.

A former London constable, Brigadier-General Herbert Shiner, D.S.O., M.C., has now resigned from the police to accept a permanent commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1912, enlisted in the Army as a private in the early days of the war, and received his commission in December, 1918. In 1917, he was acting major, and his promotion to lieutenant-colonel and brigadier followed. Of the Metropolitan Police who joined the Army and Navy during the war, 107 received commissions. This does not include officers who have not yet returned from ser-

vice, nor those who have resigned from the police to remain permanently with the colours. The decorations and awards gained by officers and men number 893 and include: V.O., 1; Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, 1; M.C., 11; D.C.M., 53; D.S.M., 7; M.M., 137; Meritorious Service Medal, 48; Croix de Guerre, 15; Médaille Militaire, 4; while 54 were mentioned in despatches.

# LOVERS' FATAL CYCLE RIDE.

The tragedy of two lovers' cycle ride was investigated at the inquest at Windor on Lottie Harnour, in service at Stanwell Hall, Middlesex, and whose home is at Egham. Edward Thomas Lowe, 149, Wendover-road, Staines, said they were "busy talking" to one another, riding only 4 miles an hour. Looking round he saw a lorry coming. He called out, "Mind, dear," caught hold of her shoulder, and tried to pull her out of danger. They both fell. He got up and ran after the lorry, calling to the driver to stop, which he did. He ran back and found Miss Harnour lying in the road injured. She died at King Edward VII. Hospital, Arthur Smith, 21, Radcliffe-road, Harpenden, the driver of the lorry, said he was not aware he had hit anyone. The coroner, in recording a verdict of Accidental Death, said there was no evidence to show want of care.

# SOUVENIRS.

It seems that the Office of Works is gravely perturbed about the little habit, on the part of the young ladies, now being demobilised from Government offices, of taking souvenirs away with them. Rumour has it that the choice of souvenirs is a wide one, and that it has been known to extend even to typewriters and other bulky articles, a habit that must be very distressing to an office so conscientious as to have its style and title printed even on the match-boxes provided for office use. Yet there is a Necessity in these things, and who can say whether the souvenir-collectors are free agents in the matter? There is a genius loci in Whitehall, and it may be that the ghosts of departed bureaucrats—say, even of Ministers of State—whisper reminiscences in the ears of the demobilised fair. For souvenirs were regularly taken away in the good old days. It was not merely a matter of official stationery and official sealing wax. The typewriter, certainly, could not be "conveyed" until Mr. Balfour had introduced them into the upper hierarchy, but the silver inkstand was a well-known perquisite of an official tenure, however brief, until Mr. Gladstone out of that source of expense. And to this day is not the Minister's despatch-case carried off when he goes out of office?

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### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions from CAPTAIN GREEN, who is leaving the Colony shortly, to sell by Public Auction.

#### FRIDAY,

October 24, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at No. 44A Nathan Road, Kowloon (above Watsons).

#### THE

Valuable Household Furniture, therein contained.

#### Comprising:—

Upholstered Arm-chairs and Sofas, practically new, large and small; Blackwood Cabinets, Tables, Stands, Toppers, Card Tables, &c., Old Painting, Japanese Silk Shadow Pictures, a number of lots of Chinese Porcelains, Carols, &c. Armchair green Carpet, 14 x 12 (nearly new), Dining Room Suite, Fumed Teakwood, good as new, Dinner, Tea and Coffee Service, complete, large Teakwood Bedstead, large and small Wardrobes, Bureau, Washstand, &c., Silk-embroidered and Teakwood Screens, Overmantels, Pender Seat, &c., Ice Chest, Pantry and Kitchen Utensils.

#### Also

Upright Piano, Cabinet Gramophone and a number of good Records, Chiming Clock by Gaiety, Aviary with Java Parrots, Electric Fans and Fittings including 4-light Electrolier for Dining Room, New Sunblinds.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue). On view from Thursday 2.30 p.m. Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, October 20, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned.)

#### SATURDAY,

October 25, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Travelling Bags, and Woollen Goods, Tennis Shoes and Boots (Superior Quality)

Slazenger Tennis Balls, (1919)

#### Foot Balls,

Two Telescopes by well-known makers and two pairs Prismatic Binoculars, Typewriters.

Sundry Household Furniture, and Miscellaneous Goods. Several cases Blue-black Ink.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 16, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

#### SATURDAY,

October 25, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A small consignment of high grade

#### CHOCOLATES,

#### as follows:—

Aristocratic Favourite, La Duchesse, Opera, Burnt Almonds, Toffes de Luxe, La Marquis, Cacao, &c., &c., &c.

to be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

#### MONDAY,

October 27, 1919, at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

One "Wood" Mobillette 2 seater

#### 4 cylinder

#### MOTOR CAR,

#### (second hand).

Electric starter, lights and horn, hand horn, and accessories, with spare wheel and tyre.

GOOD RUNNING AND WORKING ORDER.

Inspecting orders may be had from the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 22, 1919.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS to sell by Public Auction.

#### ON

#### TUESDAY,

October 23, 1919, at 5.30 p.m.

AT CAUSEWAY BAY,

The House Boat.

#### "LADY GODIVA"

Length 44 ft.  
Beam 12 "  
Draught 6 " 5 inches.  
Coppered below water line.

Lead keel, two cabins, lavatory, shower, bath, &c.,

Complete with sails, awnings, screens, anchors and chains and all accessories.

On view now.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 18, 1919.

### FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

16 feet, sailing ketchy equipped

with 2 H.P. outboard

Cable Motor

(magneto ignition)

complete with sails, sculls,

&c., &c.

Also

Outrigged racing skiff about 21 feet

long with sliding seat and pair of sculls,

(newly done up).

The above craft are in good condition and are being sold due to owner

leaving the Colony.

Particulars from the Undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

#### On FRIDAY,

the 31st day of October, 1919, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at his sale room in Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

#### The Steamship "ASIA"

of 1061 tons now lying in Kowloon Bay in the Harbour of Hongkong together with all the furniture, store, equipment and appurtenances now on board.

#### IN ONE LOT.

This Ship is a Chinese ship registered in Canton and is constructed of steel. She has the following dimensions: namely Length 362 feet Breadth 32 feet 6 inches and Depth 18 feet 9 inches and her speed is about 10 knots.

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THE COMMODORE and MEMBERS

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HOME to their friends at the CLUB

HOUSE North Point on SATURDAY

next 25th instant from 3 to 6 p.m. on

the occasion of the OPENING-CROISE

and presentation of prizes by H. E. the

Governor Sir R. E. STUBBS, K.C.M.G.

The ATTENDANCE OF LADIES is

specially requested.

F. SMYTH,

Commander.

Hongkong, October 31, 1919.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded of the

HALF YEARLY MEETING

called for on SATURDAY, the 1st

November, at 12.30 p.m., at the Offices

of the JOCKEY CLUB on the Ground

Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,

G. W. GEGG,

Acting Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 18, 1919.

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING of A. S. WATSON

& CO., LIMITED, will be held at the

HONGKONG HOTEL, on the 24th day

of November, 1919, at Noon, when

the proposed resolution, which was

passed at the Extraordinary General

Meeting of the Company held on the

20th day of October, 1919, will be

submitted for confirmation as a Special

Resolution.

"That the new Articles already

approved by this Meeting, and for

the purpose of identification sub-

scribed by the Chairman thereof, be

and the same are hereby adopted

as the Articles of the Company to

the exclusion of and in substitution

for all the existing Articles

thereof."

Dated the 21st Day of October, 1919,

Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the BRANCH OFFICE of the

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON & GLOBE

INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will on

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Telephone No. 200—P. O. Box 451.

RIGBY H. P. KEWLEY,

Acting Local Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1919.

### BOXING.

By permission of the Chaplain, boxing, ball-punching, &c., will be taught by the well-known boxer, "KID" MARTIN, at the SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE, 21, Plover East, Wanchai, twice a week, on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 5.45—7.15 p.m. Special lessons by arrangement. Will any who wish to have lessons please apply to The Manager MR. E. W. BRISTOW. Terms by arrangement. Pre-payment requested. Telephone 2874.

### NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception of persons of Chinese race, wishing to leave the Colony must have in their possession a VALID PASSPORT. Passengers not in possession of passports will not be allowed to leave the Colony. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations. The Penalty for non compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

E. D. C. WOLFE,

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, September 23, 1919.

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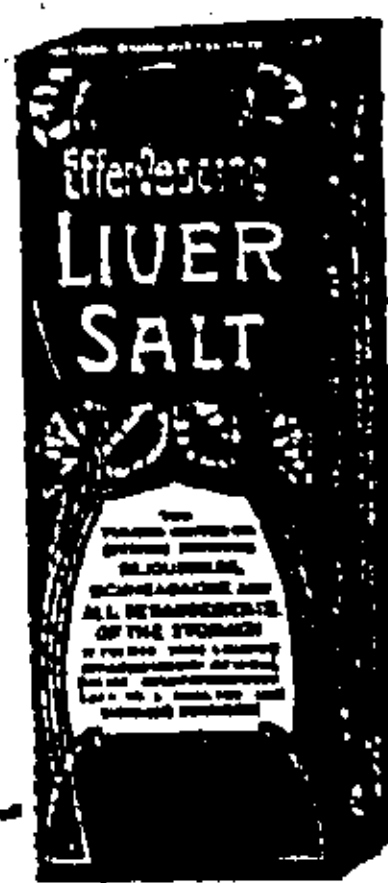
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## BIRTH.

BZRA.—On October 11, at Victoria, B.C., to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ezra of Shanghai, a daughter.

## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.  
 HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 1919.

## ADVERSARIA.

At Hong Kong during the War, there was only "Specials" one "Special" that could be understood—mentioned without an accompanying noun. If you had asked a barmaid for a "small special" she would probably have told you there was one outside. It was a special, a sedentary citizen who had undertaken voluntary police duties in a spirit of patriotism or in an itch to be in the procession, and who subsequently regretted it with aching feet and a cold in the head. Those "Specials" are probably "backed out" of the Home.

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suspect a surveyor, not a Government surveyor) he has managed completely to misunderstand the letter from a British shipmaster which we printed last week. He accuses it of audaciously condemning our Government surveyors and all masters and officers sailing out of Hongkong. It did no such thing. It condemned certain local owners, and it condemned a deficiency in the Hongkong laws as regards the safety of officers and crews on ill-found ships. We have not met a shipmaster yet who disagreed with the letter, and we have made it our business to ascertain the views of all we could reach.

This man says he has sailed for the last 20 years out of Hongkong, and at no other port have I seen a better or stricter survey of ships and their equipment. What has that to do with the unlicensed ships which are not surveyed at all? He doesn't pretend, we hope, that all ships leaving here, whether they have passenger licences or not, are well and strictly surveyed. We repeat what the letter said, namely, that Government surveyors do not survey ships that are without passenger licences, with a view to life-saving equipment. "One who knows" has told us of instances of the expensive changes insisted upon by Government surveyors, in ships whose owners applied for passenger licences. This bears out his defence of the Government surveyors, but as his defence was uncalculated for, since they were never attacked, he cannot get much satisfaction out of that. We consider that the Government has a duty towards the safety of officers and crews, as well as of passengers. Would he deny that?

His silly references to his "NATURAL LIFEBOAT" themes, and so on, are well matched by his facetious offer to supply the sensible reformer with an inflatable life preserver. We can well imagine that he can spare it, for the writer of such a letter must have a head so empty that it simply couldn't sink.

Government officials themselves, FORESHADOWED, whom we are unfortunately not allowed to quote, admit that the Government should do more, and they would deplore such foolish letters were it not now understood that something is going to be done, and that these merely cantankerous carpings are ineffectual for mischief. For his own sake we hope this poor fool is never caught in a collision on one of the river steamers he thinks so well equipped. If he has given away his private collapsible life buoy and relies on the boat and raft provided (sufficient usually for one third of the number of souls carried) he is likely to learn wisdom when it is too late.

When the Government awakes to its responsibility in this matter, and insists on adequate provision for safety of crews and passengers, no one doubts that the Government surveyors will see the stricter ordinance carried out. They themselves at times have regretted that they had not more jurisdiction than they have. There are owners in Hongkong, as elsewhere, either too greedy or too mean to provide necessary equipment. These are the only people condemned, and perhaps by a side wind the Government also for letting them get away with it. Not to be misunderstood, we had better mention in the same breath that we have also local owners who more than do their duty, and who could satisfy even Home requirements in this connection.

In Shanghai, as here, the people most affected by the house shortage are the smaller salaried foreigners. (A "foreigner" by a Hongkong public meeting in 1846 was defined as any person not a native of China.) In Shanghai as here, the shortage is largely due to the influx of Chinese and Japanese. The Shanghai Municipality, however, cannot (or claims that it cannot) undertake the responsibility being shouldered by the Hongkong Government. It cannot afford it. It has difficulty in raising all the money it needs now, for other purposes. Shanghai employers are therefore being invited to do their share towards meeting the difficulty. Where house property fetches only about five per cent, and money is worth far more, the invitation is unlikely to be jumped at. But we shall see.

**DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.**

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted by a child has a cold. The child's system for the element of the diphtheria bacteria. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children should be kept at home that have colds should be recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to run the risk of contracting diphtheria. For sale by all Chemists and keepers.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 4/5 3/16d.

A mail from Japan is due to-day by the s.s. "Seijo Maru."

The only case of communicable disease in today's return is one of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wakeman returned to the Colony yesterday on the s.s. "Shinyo Maru."

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse returned to Hongkong yesterday on the s.s. "Suwa Maru" after a short holiday at Tsingtao.

Vice Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, our new Naval C. in C. is due to arrive on his flagship, H. M. S. "Hawkins" on Sunday.

Consignees are reminded that all broken, chafed and damaged goods ex the s.s. "Stanley" will be inspected at the godowns at 10 a.m., tomorrow.

The point in dispute between the two youths was whether a certain factory was under Government control during the war period. "Course it was," triumphantly exclaimed Number One. "Don't you remember how they used to be always buildin' up that wall 'n' then knockin' it down again?" "Right, 'yare," replied Number Two, now fully convinced.

A London evening paper describes the sinking of the two Bolshevik dreadnoughts by British motor-boats as an incident. "In the course of the police work which the navy carries out in its daily operations all over the world." It is, of course, a little difficult to find out just exactly what our armed forces are doing in various parts of the world at the present time. But if the sinking of other people's warships "all over the world" is now a normal part of the navy's peace-time routine some interesting developments of the "freedom of the seas" controversy can be confidently expected.

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## THE WAR TORN DISTRICTS OF FRANCE.

## A PATHETIC APPEAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—May I ask for space in your columns to appeal to Hongkong—to whose generosity in war causes I can personally warmly testify—for help to our stricken Allies in the war-devastated districts of France. If they were not "left only with eyes to weep with" they had not much else, for their houses remain mere piles of stones and rubbish, their once fruitful fields are laid waste, their fruit-trees have been murdered in cold blood, their wells have been choked with filth and even corpses, while their inhabitants have suffered every form, it would seem, of human misery.

While working with the French Red Cross in 1915-16 and 17, I saw much of this ruin and sorrow, and can never cease to be grateful to this Colony for the help they sent, through me, to our brave, uncompromising Allies in response to a letter in which I did not even ask for aid. I can never tell you how far-reaching this help was, for certainly half of it was of the moral kind engendered by sympathy.

The need of assistance is at least as great now as it was then, and the sooner it is given the sooner can the people restart their own industries and carry on without help. "He gives twice who gives quickly."

Very many societies in France, England, and America have taken up this work of re-establishing the ruined districts of Northern France, and these organisations have been co-ordinated under the Ministry of Reconstruction of the French Government. But I am only asking for aid for two particular districts, whose restoration has been undertaken by my own friends, and in parts where, to my personal knowledge, it is so sorely needed.

The part near Noyau and Compiègne is ably looked after by the Fund for French War-devastated villages, of which ex-President Taft is president, and to which society I belong. This is my own particular part, as the French Government allowed me to visit it shortly after the German evacuation in 1917. We did a good deal of work there before the enemy re-occupied it in 1918, but much of this effort was lost, for the Huns systematically destroyed everything they had time for, in order to prevent the resumption of agriculture and industries by the French people. In 1917, during a motor tour of hundreds of kilometres, I saw not one undamaged house, church, or factory left standing, and there was scarcely an agricultural implement or a cooking utensil left in the district.

The other part for which I ask Hongkong's help is near Armentières, where the work of restoration has been undertaken by Madame Loyson, the wife of the well-known French poet, playwright, and journalist (he is now editor of what was M. Clemenceau's paper). Madame Loyson turned her house in Paris into a convalescent hospital during the war, and treated there over 1,400 soldiers, many of whom came from this part of France. I am sending you an appeal which I received from her lately, as it tells more eloquently than I can of these poor people's needs. As I knew many of these men and some of their families while they were in Paris in the hospital, I feel a special interest in their cause.

It has been suggested that a bazaar should be held—perhaps in December—in order to raise funds for these two organisations, and His Excellency the Governor has generously offered the use of Government House for the purpose, and his co-operation in the work.

May I ask that all France's Allies in the Colony, especially the Chinese, American, Portuguese, and Japanese, who have already so vitally helped in the war, will join us in this work of sympathy and restoration.—Yours, etc.,

HARRIET OSGOOD TAYLOUR.

Hongkong, October 21, 1919.

[ENCLOSURE.]

Dear Mrs. Taylour,—I have just returned home from a visit to a few of the devastated villages of the Somme, and as the relief of the ruined families of my soldiers forms now, and is more and more bound to form, an important part of my work, I wish to tell you about it.

On leaving Paris I at once found myself surrounded at the station by refugees. It was too early for my train and I sat in their midst for a couple of hours. My heart has always ached for refugees. They have something so humble and apologetic in their demeanour. Alas! they have so often been unwelcome guests; so few people have really understood their distress, their utter bewilderment, their pain at having had to leave their homes, abandoning everything they owned, and that made up their lives. They have been mostly so brave and uncomplaining, yet their suffering has been intense, and it has always seemed to them that no one has really understood it, or sympathised as they should.

Que voulez-vous, Madame, they say sadly, "ceux qui n'y sont pas passés ne comprennent pas!"

Ever since the beginning of the war one has seen these sad droves fleeing before the enemy. Now I was seeing them in a new light—these brave souls were going home again. They have long since learned to wait for interminable hours at the station, sitting on their impossible parcels—all their riches. Old baskets mended with string and wire, potato bags bulging out on all sides with pots and pans, linen and shoes, their clothes and bed covers. They had come from distant regions of France, and had already travelled one or more days. They sat silent, yet longing for sympathy. At the least word their apparent apathy disappared and they quiver into life again, and taking possession of you, they pour out their tale—it is all so vital to them that they can think of nothing else. One look of interest, and they seem to clutch on to you, so I soon found myself in the tender mercies of two dear old women. One was an old maid of 77 who confided to me that she had seven skirts on her slim individual, as it was easier to carry them that way! The other was an old grandmother of 78 who had all her life, but a beautiful light came into her face every time she spoke of her past happiness. She was returning to a ruined village near Albert—with these two women, as with all refugees, it was the same tale. Evacuated once, twice, even three times, according to the fluctuations of the battles, sent here and there, living in strange places, in discomfort and unhappiness, often among an astonished population quite overpowered by the inrush of this panting human herd overrunning their small towns and far away villages.

And yet they testified that they had never lacked any of the necessities of life. It made me think of the words of Christ, that man does not live by bread alone—he needs Love even more, does he not? to really live.

After Amiens, the train took me due east, and then the battlefield began—shell holes, barbed wire entanglements, trenches and dugouts, then graves. Some solitary ones, indicated by tiny crosses, nestled low along the line. Here and there whole new cemeteries had sprung up.

As we passed by familiar districts the refugees would pop up, and down from their seats. "Oh mon Dieu! Est-ce cela le village de X...?" "Ma chère, regardez donc la maison de Monsieur X...!" "Mais c'est qu'il ne reste rien!" Yet there was a glow of exultation on their faces as they felt they were nearing home. At stations, or on the train, they would meet friends or acquaintances from neighbouring villages, and would ask for news of each and all: "On rentre!" the would exclaim triumphantly. "Thomas, est-il rentre?" "Qui, depuis huit jours, et Delpierre aussi!" "Il ne reste plus grand chose, vous savez il y aura à travailler." "Eh bien, tant pis, on le fera le travail!" A sort of joyousness would gain one after another—they were "going home," though it be to ruins—"Qui, on rentre?"

Now let me tell you something of the lives of these brave people who have gone home. To me they seem a new sort of pioneer, more intrepid by far than any pioneer of old setting out in a new country, as of yore in America. The task before them is stupendous. It will take years and years of work to arrive at even an approximate result, yet they undertake the task resolutely.

Their houses are in ruins, the country about them is still the upturn battlefield I have described, with its dugouts, its trenches, its munitions lying loose, its graves. Guns and bayonets still lie just as they fell from some soldier's hand, and spades and pickaxes, too rusty now for use. All the disorder, all the destruction, all the wanton waste of war! The trees stand out against the sky mere carbonised skeletons. No imagination can picture such utter ruin and desolation. It does not look like our planet.

Then graves—graves at every turn, of soldiers of every nationality, English, German, all reconciled in death! The tiny crosses, sometimes give a name, sometimes record that some unknown soldier lies there, the munitions lying about, shells of all dimensions, hand grenades and fuzes, make every step across country dangerous; every day accidents occur. It is impossible to imagine the formidable work of levelling once more the soil and getting it fit to be ploughed.

Of the 13 villages I saw, few have any houses left standing, none are intact. If a mere shelter remains, the owners are allowed back. Sometimes it is a cellar, sometimes one or two rooms with floors upturn, no windows, of course, and plentiful holes and cracks in the walls, through which the wind and rain enter pitilessly. These they patch up with much ingenuity: oiled paper takes the place of glass: the holes are stopped up with anything that comes to hand. They start clearing up their gardens, full of the debris of the ruined houses. Sometimes they find new and sacred owners of the soil that cannot be dislodged: soldiers have been buried there! Unexploded shells, as I have said, make the upturning of the soil very dangerous, and they must work very cautiously. Then the ruined houses often collapse totally, all of a sudden, constituting another danger.

Not a stick of furniture remains in these houses, so when the inhabitants first go back they sleep on the ground. Later they make beds out of old boards with wire drawn across, and contrive most ingeniously to arrange a home, but their destination is pitiful. Could greater love of home exist than is shown by these poor souls? Evidently only this powerful love could make such an effort possible. They cling to the very spot of earth as though some deep, invisible roots held them there where they were born and lived and suffered; they feel they can be happy nowhere else.

These are the ones who have borne the brunt of the war. Should we not help them all we can, just to get them started again? The utmost we can do for them is as nothing compared with what they have lost; let us at least help some of them to get to work once more.

The French Government does all it can, but France is poor now, financially ruined by the war—indeed, it will be given later on, but they cannot possibly be sufficient, (and who will give them back their tears?) as St. Elizabeth of Hungary put it. Just try to figure out the cost of the contents of even a simple home! And now the price of everything has increased tenfold, moreover everything now manufactured is of very inferior quality, in spite of the exorbitant prices. There is also a shortage of working hands, so that labour can demand any price. What I would like you to understand is the magnitude of the task and the difficulties of its execution. Facing it, it is hard not to allow a hopeless despair to seize one. The only remedy is to set resolutely to work and do simply and steadfastly all one can, and doing merely this will be a blessing and a help to many.

My ambition is to succour at least my own former convalescents (that have now reached the number of 1,400) and their families.

It is wonderful how much new courage a little help will bring them, such as supplying a little clothing, some linen or shoes, household utensils or garden tools. Vegetable seeds I give out extensively just now, and these are received with enthusiasm.

In the village of one of my soldiers, a prisoner back from Germany, cooking utensils are so scarce that one pot or pan has to serve five or six families. One family cooks the meat hastily, and passes the pan on to the next. "Ah, Madame," explained the poor fellow, "si vous saviez quelle pitié!" "I faut quand les gosses ont faim!"

One of my soldiers, a widower, whom I visited in his ruined farm at Propret, is living in his cellar with his little 12-year-old son. "The child was fighting when it was evacuated in March 1918 at the time of the great German drive and the battle of the Somme. The child fled with the rest of the pitiful herd—German planes flying low fired with machine guns on the refugees, killing and wounding many. In their haste, all parcels had to be left by the roadside. The child, however, escaped and reached Paris safely. The father was on leave in my home, so we took the boy in also. Then, as Paris was being shelled at the time, when the father returned to the front I put the little fellow out in safety in the country. So we were already friends. The poor souls could not believe their eyes when they saw me standing in the midst of their ruins. They just beamed at me. "Ah vraiment, Madame, on ne s'attendait pas à vous voir ici! Regardez, Madame, ce qu'on a fait de ma belle ferme! Ah ces salles Boches!" He had left his home a well-to-do man, with cattle, horses, field implements, everything that belong to a prosperous farm, and now he is living in his cellar, a deep and dark and damp place, where no fire can be made. They have built up—'invented,' I feel almost tempted to say—a bed, but they hope gradually to patch up two of the rooms of the farm house that can be made habitable, and move up there. But for that the father needs a man to help him—for the child is still too young to do much—and some materials, such as plaster, tar paper, nails, etc. I am helping him to get these things, for he must hasten, the time to plant and sow being now here.

I could tell you many other similar tales of hardships, all equally sad, all bravely borne. For instance, of the poor woman whose two little boys died of cold during the evacuation. She is home again now with her little daughter, but the house is very sad, and will never be the same again.

The remembrance of a tiny green-faced baby of seven months—about the size of a normal baby of three months—haunts me. It was being fed on bread and tapioca, milk being scarce. Condensed milk will save many infants' lives.

One pathetic couple of pioneers I know is that of a poor old man with his blind boy of 16, who were among the first to return to their home. As I talked to the father, the boy hungrily devoured a big stick of chocolate I had given him. His sightless eyes were turned on me as I held his beautiful slender hand in mine. I questioned the father as to what the boy could do to help. "Oh, pas grand chose," ma pauvre dame, tout ce qu'il sait faire c'est de pousser. Si je lui dis 'pousse,' il pousse, mais je ne peut rien lui faire porter, car il est nerveux, il laisse tout tomber!"

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## THE WAR TORN DISTRICTS OF FRANCE.

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Then a woman with her husband and her eldest son both soldiers, had her last-born in a cellar while she was flying from the Germans. She was pressed by her friends to hasten, but her hour had come and she could no longer advance. Some woman, before whose house she passed, opened her door to her, and hid her mercifully in the cellar, while the rest of her family had to press on and abandon her. "Ah, Madame," she would say, "J'ai pleuré nuit et jour pendant trois semaines! Et les Boches venaient me regarder par le soupirail, et je me blottissais tout contre le mur avec mon petit, et j'ai cru que chaque fois qu'ils allaient nous tuer, car on nous avait dit que les Boches tuaient les femmes et les petits enfants!" Now soldier father and sick soldier son are both home again. The little cellar-born boy is strong and well, but the mother is exhausted by all her suffering, and much must be done to build up her health, if she ever finds health again. I will conclude with a case that I think will appeal to your heart. It is that of a little fellow of 10, who picked up, some three years ago in the fields, near Hazebrouck, a small shining article that he thought was a whistle. His parents told him that this had been dropped, as other similar objects, from enemy aeroplanes. The children of the neighborhood had picked them up, thinking that they were toys, and many accidents had thus occurred. This child was very seriously wounded in the chest and face, one eye was torn out, and his left hand so badly mangled that it had to be amputated immediately. Inflammation in the eye socket has necessitated several operations to save the other eye, and after each operation the little chap would confide to his father, "You know, Father, I can't see yet!" And no one has ever had the courage to destroy the child's hope that some day his sight will return. We have just supplied him with a good apparatus, hand and foot, and every contrivance so that he can learn to work and be independent. He is now very happy in the thought that he will henceforth be able to help his mother, who is very poor.

These are merely a few snapshots of the huge vision of desolation. I wonder if you in Hongkong, so many thousands of miles away, can realize what a tremendous disaster it all is. For people here in France, only a few miles away, can hardly do so. I appeal to you on behalf of my brave soldiers, and their families, no less deserving, who are now lying heavily on my heart, for I have seen with my own eyes what it all is, and can speak knowingly. The war is not over for them as it is for us; a new, stern warfare against material difficulties has begun, dull, colourless, exciting little pity. It was relatively easy to give, even to the point of positive sacrifice, during the war when all the Allies were supported by the dramatic of the fight. Now we fall back among the ruins, and to build up the country again will require as much energy and work as it took to win the war. These people must face years of hardship and sacrifice, and they do it with superb spirit. But there is no excitement about it now—no glowing colours. I know that the charity of your friends in Hongkong, who have already been generous to French hospitals, is not emotional, and can bear the test of the fading of that vivid glow. Shall we not keep on helping all we can, and thus prove to those who have lost all in the war, as to our own selves, that "Charity never faileth"?—Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) LAURA LOYSON.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Translated for the China Mail from the Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, October 22. The "Living Buddha" has ordained against the independence of Outer Mongolia. His memorandum to that effect has reached Peking. General Chu Shu Tsang, commissioner to Urga, was advised before starting to show the Buddha due respect in view of his attitude to the Republic.

Shanghai merchants hear that fighting is going on in Hunan, but neither Press nor Government has been advised of it. A lot of Canton Parliament men have left for Canton on the s.s. "Empress of Russia."

The Cabinet has telegraphed to the tuchuns of Shensi, Hunan, and Hupeh ordering them to guard their frontiers and keep out General Wong Tin Chung and the Op Mo troops who are reported in collision.

General Chu Shu Tsang wants Tun Ki Sui to be premier, and is intriguing to that end.

Shanghai celebrated the birthday of Confucius with unprecedented enthusiasm. Crowds shouted "Protect the Confucian religion. Fight for Shantung."

Shanghai Chinese are protesting against the Government's permit to Japanese to export rice from the three eastern provinces. The permit is said to be for one year.

The telephone is to be installed between Peking and Shanghai. An American firm has got the contract. It is to be working in a year's time.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Wong Ting who was indicted before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.) yesterday for robbery with violence in the Kowloon Tong village on the night of Aug. 27, was found guilty by a jury composed of Messrs. W. Anderson, F. Hobbs, E. L. Bingham, C. F. de Carvalho, F. W. Moore, B. M. Castro and J. S. da Costa, and sentenced to five years' hard labour and ten strokes with the "cat."

## A KIDNAPING CASE.

Cheung Fung, was next indicted for kidnaping a Chinese girl ten years of age.

The Attorney-General said that at about 8 a.m., on August 24, the complainant, a little girl of 10 years of age, went to the Central Market and was accosted by the accused, who finally took her to Un Loong, in the New Territories, where she was sold for \$96. The intended purchaser made enquiries from the girl, and having heard her story, informed the Police, and prisoner was subsequently arrested.

The prisoner stated that she did not know the child had been kidnaped. She was promised \$5 commission if she found a purchaser for the girl. She would ask His Lordship to excuse her this time, and she would not commit the offence again. God bless His Lordship if he excused her this time.

The jury found the accused "Guilty."

The Attorney-General then informed His Lordship that the accused had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Melbourne, for a like offence, last Monday.

His Lordship deferred sentence until this morning, in order to consult Mr. Justice Melbourne.

Addressing the accused this morning His Lordship said: "I have made enquiries of the learned Judge who heard a similar case in the other case, and I find that the circumstances of both are very similar. In that case you took another child to the New Territories and you have been successful in doing the same thing on this occasion. You are carrying on a very disgraceful trade in trafficking in little children. You tried to make the jury and I believe that Lai Yau Chee was a party to the offence. I do not know if that is right, but that does not make any difference to the case. You are guilty of depriving people of their children by stealing them and then sell them. This is a bad, very bad case and I sentence you to two years' hard labour, and sentence to follow the one you are now serving."

It might be mentioned here that the prisoner was earlier in the Sessions sentenced by Mr. Justice Melbourne to two years' hard labour for a like offence.

## SHOOTING A EUROPEAN SERGEANT.

The hearing was then continued in the case in which a Chinese named Tang Sang was indicted for wounding Sergt. Lannon of the Police with intent to murder, with maliciously shooting with intent to prevent his lawful arrest; and with maliciously wounding Sergt. Lannon with intent to disable.

It will be remembered that when this case was called on Tuesday, it was discovered after the Attorney-General had opened the case for the Crown, that the witnesses were not present, and his Lordship adjourned the case until the morning.

Addressing his Lordship this morning, Mr. Pollock said he had made enquiries and had found that no blame is attached to the Crown Solicitor's office for the delay. The latter had sent notices to both the C.S.P. and the governor of the Jail giving them the calendar day by day. The Crown solicitor who had just returned informed him that this practice had been carried out for a long time, it was purposely done in order to avoid such a state of affairs as was obtained on Tuesday.

His Lordship said that evidently no blame is attached to the Crown Solicitor's office for the delay. He would communicate with the other people and try to ascertain the cause of the delay.

The hearing then proceeded. The following composed the Jury: Messrs. E. L. Sim, D. A. de Carvalho, W. Anderson, B. M. Castro, C. Wallace, C. H. Osmund and J. S. da Costa.

After the Attorney-General had refreshed the Jury's memory as to the circumstances of the case, Sergt. Lannon was called and in reply to Counsel said he had been in the Police Force for five years. At 9 p.m., on Aug. 24 he was on duty at the junction of Bedford and Tai Po Roads. This was the night of the Kowloon Dairy Farm Robbery and he was instructed to keep a sharp look out for suspicious characters. At about 9.30, he saw the defendant walking in Tai Po Road in the direction of Yaumati. Witness stopped him and asked him where he was going but he made no reply. There were two street lamps where they were standing and he could see the accused's face quite clearly. He had no doubt that the prisoner in the dock was the same man he met on Tai Po Road on the night of August 24. As witness walked towards the accused with the intention of searching him, he bolted in the direction whence he came. Witness gave chase and caught him from behind. Witness held him round the body. The accused then drew a revolver and putting his

right arm behind him, fired a shot. Witness was holding the accused by the left shoulder when the shot was fired. He was wounded in the right hip. A struggle then followed for the possession of the revolver, which witness succeeded in wrenching from the accused's hand. He (witness) then overbalanced himself and fell to the ground and the accused ran away. Witness fired a shot after him and then getting up continued the chase but the accused had by this time got a lot of start and made good his escape. Witness attempted to fire another shot but the revolver misfired. Witness fired with his own service revolver. He did not think the shot had hit the accused. He was not much disabled by the wound at the time he chased the accused. The five chamber revolver (produced) was the one he wrenched from the accused's hand. It was fully loaded. Only one shot was fired from it. Witness went to hospital the same night and stayed there until Sept. 22 when he was discharged. While in hospital, he saw and identified the accused as his assailant. No one gave him any clue as to the accused's identity. He had heard while in hospital that a man had been arrested on suspicion. Witness gave a general description of his assailant to Sergt. Grimmett and Insp. Gerrard on the night of Aug. 24, on the way to the hospital.

Asked if he had any questions to ask the witness, the accused said "No, I don't know him. I never saw him in my life."

Other witnesses are being heard and the case is proceeding.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## ADMIRAL DUFF.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Oct. 22. Admiral Duff leaves aboard the "Hawkins" to-day, having recovered from his brief illness.

## A PRISONER'S ARGUMENT.

## GOOD, BUT UNAVAILING.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Smith this morning with the unlawful possession of a dagger.

Defendant—It is not a dagger. I say it is a common tool. I visited a friend at Wanchai last night and on my return I went to a latrine. I noticed the file sticking to the side of the wall and I pocketed it.

A Chinese constable stated that while he was on duty in Hollywood Road last night at 11.15 p.m., he noticed the defendant in a corner behind Peel Street. He was suspicious and went up to him and found the weapon stuck to his girdle. He arrested him.

Defendant said it was nothing like a dagger. It was a rusty file. He said that while walking last night he accidentally stepped on a banana peel and it stuck on his shoe. He went to the corner to scrape the peel off, and the constable arrested him. He offered himself to be searched.

His Worship said it was probable that weapon was a file as it was not pointed. Sergeant Moore said the weapon although rusty, was sharp. If the weapon was a file, the "blade" would be different.

His Worship sentenced defendant to three weeks' hard labour.

## LARCENY AS A BAILEE.

A foki of a shop at No. 56, Des Voeux Road Central was charged with the larceny of \$54.70, as a bailee.

The defendant admitted the use of \$23, and said that the winter had come and he had to get some warmer clothing.

A foki of the shop said he with defendant and another were sent by the master with the money to a shop at West Point. The defendant was in charge of the money. On the way defendant entered a latrine, and they walked on and waited for him for a long time. The defendant did not join them again, and they went in to the latrine but he was not there. They went back to the shop and reported it to the master. A number of foks were sent to look for him, and witness found him in Queen's Road. He saw him holding a jacket, and he asked him where he got it from when defendant said he bought it with the money. The defendant was brought back to the shop.

The master gave evidence of the giving of the money.

Three weeks hard labour was passed.

## A FIND IN A WAIST COAT.

A coolie was charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with the possession of a dagger. Defendant said he picked up a waistcoat in the street and was surprised to find the dagger in one of the pockets.

Inspector Macdonald said there might be some truth in the story as the coat did not fit him.

All the same, the Magistrate said: Six months' hard labour.

Witness was holding the accused by the left shoulder when the shot was fired. He was wounded in the right hip. A struggle then followed for the possession of the revolver, which witness succeeded in wrenching from the accused's hand. He (witness) then overbalanced himself and fell to the ground and the accused ran away. Witness fired a shot after him and then getting up continued the chase but the accused had by this time got a lot of start and made good his escape. Witness attempted to fire another shot but the revolver misfired. Witness fired with his own service revolver. He did not think the shot had hit the accused. He was not much disabled by the wound at the time he chased the accused. The five chamber revolver (produced) was the one he wrenched from the accused's hand. It was fully loaded. Only one shot was fired from it. Witness went to hospital the same night and stayed there until Sept. 22 when he was discharged. While in hospital, he saw and identified the accused as his assailant. No one gave him any clue as to the accused's identity. He had heard while in hospital that a man had been arrested on suspicion. Witness gave a general description of his assailant to Sergt. Grimmett and Insp. Gerrard on the night of Aug. 24, on the way to the hospital.

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## TRIDUAN AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

[COMMUNICATED.]

At the invitation of His Lordship the Bishop (says *Religion & Patria*) the Rev. Father Antonio Henriques, Superior of the Jesuit Mission in Shuihing, will give a spiritual retreat to the Chinese priests of this Vicariate and will preach at the Cathedral during the Triduan in the evenings of the 24th, 25th and 26th instant on daily communion, so much recommended by the Holy Church. The Triduan will commence at 5.30 every evening.

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TIENSIN via WEIHAIWEI	CHIPSING	TUESDAY, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m.
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## GIANT TORTOISES.

GIFT TO THE ZOO FROM SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.

The Governor of the Seychelles Islands, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Sir Eustace Flinnes, has presented two gigantic local tortoises to the Zoological Gardens. They have arrived safely by way of Ceylon. The smaller of the two weighs 110lb., the larger, which is not in quite so good condition, weighs only 100lb. Tortoises, like fruit and lobsters, ought to be heavy for their size. The present pair are examples of the North Aldabra Island tortoise (Testudo aldabrensis) which have been bred and reared at the Government Botanic Station in the Seychelles. Although they are fine creatures, they are far from being extreme specimens in size and weight.

Tortoises up to 240lb. are common, and one weighing 700lb. has been recorded. They are vegetable feeders, their chief food in captivity being cabbage and lettuce. They soon learn to recognize their keeper and come towards him when he enters their enclosure, rearing their long necks upwards and outwards to take food. They are quite harmless, although their sharp-edged jaws seem powerful enough to inflict a serious wound. If a stranger attempts to touch them they quickly withdraw their head and neck, making a house-like kind of hiss. There is no certain evidence of the age that they may attain, and common rumour probably greatly exaggerates it. But they are certainly long-lived, and individuals have been known to reach two centuries.

THEIR ISLAND HOMES.

These giant tortoises are in every sense creatures of the land, and differ in little but size from the familiar tortoises seen in South Europe. Immersion for a few hours in sea-water would certainly kill them, and they drown easily in fresh water. And yet they have been found only in oceanic islands very far from the great continents, in the Galapagos Islands, some 600 miles from the coast of South America, and in the Mascarenes, Comores, Aldabra, Amirantes, and Seychelles, scattered in the Western Indian Ocean, hundreds of miles of deep water separating them from each other and from the mainland. Recent remains of a very large species have been found in Madagascar, and in tertiary geological times they were abundant over a wide region of the Northern hemisphere.

The tortoises themselves and their eggs are good to eat, and it must be supposed that they were exterminated on the mainland by large carnivorous animals, and have survived only in the remote islands where there were no natural enemies, these islands being themselves the remnants of sunk continents. Within historical times they existed in huge numbers in their safe retreats, but the advent of man has almost exterminated them. They were found to be a better







## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## AERONAUTICS.

MINNESOTA, October 19th.  
Lieutenant Maynard landed today from San Francisco—the first to accomplish the return trans-continental flight. Ten competitors have up to now been killed in this race, in which the winner covered 5,402 miles in 50 hours flying time.

A Havas message says:  
M. Poulet, the French aviator flying to Australia, reached Centocello aerodrome at Rome, the end of the second stage of his flight, yesterday. His biplane is working well.

## HAVAS REVIEW.

Rome, October 17th.

A Havas message says:  
The Pope has granted an official sitting to Commodore Shinano Yamamoto, in regard to the replacing of German missionaries in the Marianas, Carolines and Marshall Islands.

Replying to an address from the Bar-le-Duc (Council), expressing the hope that after his term of office as President of the Republic he would again become Senator for the Meuse Department, President Poincaré wrote: "Should an opportunity occur later for me again to represent the Department of the Meuse, which has suffered so terribly from the war, I shall certainly consider it my duty not to decline."

## ROMANIAN CABINET CRISIS.

Bucharest, October 19th.

The ministerial crisis is ended. The Duvodovitch Cabinet, whose resignation was called on September 14th, remains in office.

The Serbo-Croat-Slovene Peace Delegation, headed by M. Pashitch, has gone to Paris.

## WAR MINISTRY'S BUDGET REDUCED.

Paris, October 21st.

The Budget of the War Ministry has been discussed today in the House of Representatives. A reduction of twenty per cent. on the total expenditure was decided upon.

## OUTER MONGOLIA'S AUTONOMY TO BE CANCELLED.

A movement has been inaugurated for the cancellation of the autonomy of Outer Mongolia, provided China undertakes the responsibility for all foreign loans contracted. The movement is expected to exercise a good impression on the Tibetans, who are disposed to independence.

"Little Hsu" leaves for Urga next week.

## A NEW OUTLOOK.

London, Oct. 20th.

Lord Leverhulme in a remarkable speech at the Authors Club declared that the success of the nation depended upon the payment of high wages. Our handicraft in competition with the United States was the low rate of our wages. He regarded the recent unrest as perfectly natural, demonstrating that the British workman was ambitious which was fortunate because its absence would spell disaster. He was confident the ultimate advent of the worker on the directorate would be the means of achieving the greatest imaginable industrial progress. When the workers could share the responsibility with the directors and having learned that by increased production and cheapened cost they could beat all competition and increase wages, English industries would be second to none.

## EARLY ABOLITION OF CONSCRIPTION.

London, Oct. 20th.

Mr. Churchill has sent a letter to the Dundee Liberals that the building of the volunteer army is so satisfactory that conscription will be abolished in April and possibly earlier. Over 37 million have already been demobilized and an additional half a million will be released by December.

## RUSHOLME BYELECTION.

London, Oct. 20th.

The Rusholme by-election resulted as follows (first elected):  
Captain J. H. Thorpe (Coalition Unionist) ... 3394  
Doctor Dunstan (Labour) ... 3412  
Mr. Pringle (Liberal) ... 3933  
Captain Crowdon (National Party) ... 815

## RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS ADVANCING.

London, Oct. 20th.

The War Office says a South Russian communiqué explains the Bolsheviks' occupation of Kiev was but temporary. Reinforced by a new division the unexpectedly attacked on Oct. 15. Subsequently the Volunteers were reinforced and cleared the whole city excepting the western and north-western suburbs where fighting was proceeding on Oct. 17. Westwards of Khoroshevo the Cossacks, who continue to advance round the Bolshevik division, have prisoners 5,000 and 27 guns while southwards of Udel 10,000 of the enemy, comprising Lithuanian and Chinese regiments advancing to attack were enveloped and half the forces entirely destroyed. The remainder fled. Thus it appears that the Bolsheviks' attempts to recover the ground lost in the past month have failed with severe losses and despite reinforcements the Bolsheviks are unable to stem the Volunteer advance.

## RUSSIA'S CIVIL WAR.

London, Oct. 20th.

A War Office communiqué says the Garrison at Petrograd is reported to be preparing for siege. Machine-guns are posted on housetops. Extra supplies of food are coming in. The Baskie division which was rushed up from the interior for the defence of Petrograd has been practically destroyed at Krasnooselo. The Bolsheviks claim that they have retaken Krasnooselo and Gatchina, and are driving back Judenitch's army, are unconfirmed. The latest telegram confirms that a Bolshevik deputation at Gatchina on Oct. 17 offered to surrender Petrograd if guaranteed against bombardment. The reply to the offer is not stated.

## SPORTS.

## GOLF.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A match in the semi-final round of the Championship of the Colony was played yesterday. A. B. Stewart, defending Major Leslie Smith by 3 up.

The other semi-final match, between S. H. Dodwell and Lieut.-Col. Colow, will be played on Friday, and the final will be decided on Sunday.

## LADIES' SECTION.

Entries for the Railway Cup Ladies' Singles Handicap at Fanling will close on Monday, November 10, at Fanling and Happy Valley.

## HOCKEY.

## HONGKONG H.C. v. STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

The first hockey match of the season was played on the Military ground at Happy Valley last evening, when a strong eleven from the newly-formed Hongkong Hockey Club—which arose out of the ashes of the H.K.D.C. Hockey Club—beat the Staff and Departments team by the best goal in five. The condition of the ground was such that goal play was impossible, the ball being sometimes almost hidden in the long grass. This will, of course, be remedied in time for the next game, and the result will be, no doubt, a faster and more scientific exhibition.

Taken as a whole, the Club were the superior team, and would have won by a bigger margin but for the very persistent and determined defence of the Military halves and backs. The Club opened the scoring, A. K. Mackenzie sending in a first drive from close quarters during a mêlée in front of the Military circle. This put the Military men on their mettle, and their efforts were rewarded by a goal scored by Knight. Before half-time, Edmonds added a second goal for the Club, who were leading by two goals to one at the interval.

Play slowed down in the second half for a while, but only till Evans had scored a third goal for the Club from a magnificent drive which gave the goal-keeper no chance. The Military redoubled their efforts to score after this, and the Club's three backs (they played without a goal-keeper) had an anxious ten minutes. Knight all but scored again, while Horrocks, playing dashing, beat the Club defence more than once, but could not get the ball. About five minutes before the end of the game, Horrocks, by sheer hard play, scored a goal. The Club thus won by three goals to two.

The Club team contained some players who have much more than a working knowledge of the game, though they will have to be seen on a first ground. Ratton was undoubtedly the best of the three backs, for he showed excellent judgment in intercepting passes, in stemming the incursions of the opposing forwards, and in driving as powerfully as the ground would allow. Mitchell played a very consistent game at centre-half, and fed his forwards well. The Club forwards showed good combination, though at times Edmonds and Mackenzie were inclined to pass erratically. Evans was the best forward on the field. Wood did not have very much to do, for Edmonds sent the ball always to Evans at Wood's expense.

A feature of the Military team's play was the excellent tackling of Bunkle and Souler, who time after time stopped the advance of the Club five in the pluckiest manner. Souler, indeed, proved an adept at rubbing his opponents of the ball. The halves were mediocre, doing much of their work by blocking their opponents and driving out. Horrocks and Knight were the pick of the front string.

The teams were as follows:—  
Staff and Departments:—Corpl. Glenn, R.A.S.C., Capt. Bunkle, C.F., Sergt. Souler, A.P.C., S. M. Gallagher, L.-Cpl. Knight, R.A.S.C., L.-Cpl. Kirby, R.A.M.C., Corpl. Horrocks, R.A.M.C., Sergt. Connor, R.A.O.C., Ptes. Rhodes and Finney, R.A.M.C.  
Hongkong Hockey Club:—F. Scarnborough, C. C. Hickling, W. W. Mackenzie, M. L. Kallton, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. H. Piercy, C. Hodgson, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds, R. D. Evans (captain), and A. K. Mackenzie.

## CRICKET.

## CIVIL SERVICE v. INDIAN B.C.

The undermentioned team will represent the Civil Service C.C. in a League match against the Indian Recreation Club on the Civil Service ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—  
Hon. Mr. C. Severn (captain), R. O. Hutton, Dr. Smalley, W. A. E. Wood, F. J. Ling, B. W. Bradbury, R. C. Widdell, H. E. Strange, J. S. McElwaine, G. H. Piercy and W. H. Edmonds.

## HONGKONG C.C. v. CRAIGEN-GOWER C.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against Craigen-Gower Cricket Club on the

## U.S. AND BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE.

## THE \$10,000,000 TRIBUTE.

A luncheon was given at Claridge's Hotel by Mr. W. H. Appleton for the purpose of explaining the character of the United States' Tribute to British Merchant Seamen, of which he is chairman. Among those present were Mr. J. Havelock Wilson, M.P., Sir Edward Nicholl, M.P., and Mr. Thomas Chambers.

Mr. Havelock Wilson said that the fund was to amount to \$10,000,000. The movement, to his mind, was not merely one to help the British merchant seamen, who had faced great risks during the first three years of the war without any protection from warships and without any guns of defence on their own ships; the great point was that America, quite apart from recognising this, had the high object in view of cementing the cordial relations which now existed between the two great English speaking races. He believed that, as long as the people of Great Britain and the States worked together, without taking advantage of each other, a great and glorious work would be accomplished.

Sir Edward Nicholl, M.P., testified from his own experience of British seamen to what they had done. For nearly five years he went out in the Channel in charge of the examining service, and during that time he was responsible for passing more than 50,000 vessels. A large number of torpedoed men came before him from time to time, some with their legs shot off, but, in spite of their wounds, none of them showed any dismay. For those men, and there was a large number of them, provision must be made. Mr. Havelock Wilson's Home at Limsfield, which was to be opened in October, would not hold more than a very small portion of them, and therefore they felt very grateful to the States for the tribute.

Mr. Appleton said that there was no country, except Great Britain, that was so ready as America to help in a deserving case, but America wanted to know the reason why help was wanted. Therefore, he desired the press to urge the thousands of Americans in this country to send an appeal to their friends on the other side of the Atlantic on behalf of this great cause. He read the following message from President Wilson:—  
"I am very glad indeed to have an opportunity to add my voice to the American Tribute to the British Merchant Seamen along with our own gallant seamen. They have rendered a service to humanity in the great war which has just ended which enrols them among the free servants of freedom and civilisation. I am sure that I am speaking, when I say this, for the people of the United States, and particularly for the American seamen who have taken a like part in the great enterprise of liberty. WOODROW WILSON."  
Mr. Appleton also read a message from Admiral Lord Berosford, warmly approving of the scheme and remarking that at the beginning of the war the officers and seamen of the merchant service went to sea, unarmed and not escorted, to almost certain death. Seventeen thousand gave up their lives to maintain the food supply and transport, and 30,000 more were incapacitated. We nearly lost the war in 1917, and must have done so without the pluck, grit, endurance, and courage of the British Merchant Marine.

Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Saturday, 25th October. Play to commence at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—  
R. P. Thurstield (captain), R. A. Brand, E. W. Day, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. Blaker, D. E. Donnelly, P. G. de Paravigne, A. Burnie, J. D. Humphreys, W. W. Mackenzie and R. A. Green.

## C.R.C. 2ND XI v. K.C.C.

The following will represent C.R.C. 2nd XI against K.C.C. at Kowloon, at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday:—  
Ling, Chan Hin Lee, Lo Man Pan, Lee Man Kwong, Lai Kuen, Hung Man Chiu, Sun Kwok Leung, Cheung Wing Kui, Woo Pak Fuk, C. F. Lee and Wong Po Keung.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG F.C. v. POLICE.

The following will represent the Hongkong Club in a friendly game with the Police, on Saturday (kick-off, 4.30 p.m.) on the Club ground:—  
Burke, Bakston and Carriere; Kallton, Stewart and MacPhail; Knight, Puseo, Retchell, McTavish (captain) and Rodger.

## CLUB DE RECREIO v. SOUTH CHINA "B."

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their first League match against the South China "B." on Saturday (kick-off, 3 p.m.) on the Navy Ground:—  
L. Hyndman; P. Ribeiro and N. Xavier; B. Hyndman, V. Brito and H. Maher; H. Xavier, L. Franco, J. Lora, V. Churruarín and G. Carvalho.

## FUNERAL.

## LATE SERGT. ROBERTSON.

The funeral of the late Sergt. Robert Robertson of the Police Force whose tragic death was reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

The procession passed the Monument in the following order: gun-carriage on which rested the coffin which was covered with the Union Jack and surmounted by the deceased's helmet and belt. The carriage was drawn by Police Sergeants. Immediately behind walked the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, C.S.P., Mr. Perdue, A.S.P., Chief Inspector Kerr and Inspectors Davitt, Kent, Watt, Grant Gordon and Macdonald. Then followed the European, Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force. Several Jail Warders and some ladies were also present.

The coffin was carried to the grave by six of the deceased's colleagues. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie read the burial service at the graveside.

The following sent wreaths: the Hon. Mr. E. D. Wolfe, Mr. C. G. Perdue, the No. 7 Police Station; Constables' Mess, Central; P.C.'s Mess, Water Police; Detective Staff; No. 2 Police Station; Police Mess; Detectives of No. 7 Police Station; Sergeants' Mess, Central Police Station; Yaumati Police Mess; European Force, Shaikwan; Sergeants' Mess, Water Police; Interpreters of the No. 7 Police Station; No. 5 Station Mess; Inspectors of the Detective Staff; European Warders; Chinese detectives; Sergeants' Mess, No. 7 Police Station; Chief Inspector Kerr, Inspector and Mrs. Gerrard; Inspector and Mrs. Angus; Inspector and Mrs. Gordon; Inspector and Mrs. Davitt; Inspector Macdonald; Inspector and Mrs. Kent; Sergeants' Pitt, Ogg, Rawson and Marks.

## NEWSPAPERS AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

The Hongkong correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* says on October 17:—  
Our agitation for Constitutional Reform has recently entered upon a new phase. The newspapers have parted company on the issue. The *Daily Press* aided and abetted by the *China Mail* still strongly supports the Reform Association's proposal that the members of the Legislative Council now nominated by the Governor should be elected by the community. The *Telegraph* and the *Morning Post* have thrown the Association's programme overboard and are plumping for the direct representation of Kowloon. That apparently is all they care for and until they get it they won't be happy. It is probable that they will have to go on waiting for a considerable time, but that by the way.

The *Daily Press* saw in this cry for the separate representation of Kowloon on the Council a sinister and deeply laid plot of certain vested interests to convince the Governor that the public did not know its own mind and suggested that the *Telegraph's* editorial policy was dictated by its local directors. The *Telegraph* thereupon accused the *Press* of making "false, malicious and ill-mannered suggestions." The *Press* replied by pointing out that the *Telegraph* had been guilty of many inconsistencies. The *Telegraph* described this as "abuse and sarcasm" and asked its morning contemporary to keep to the point and either to prove or to retract the first assertion it had made. At the time of writing the quarrel has not been carried beyond this stage, and I cannot say whether it will be continued.

## PISTOLS FOR TWO.

The *China Mail* is fond of asserting that a statement made in a newspaper ought not to be given greater significance than any casual remark uttered by one individual to another at the street corner. If the editors of the other papers are in agreement with this doctrine, they should regard their dispute as a personal affair entirely and settle it in the old-fashioned way. A meeting place could easily be arranged in Kowloon. The editors of the *Morning Post* and *China Mail* would doubtless act as umpires, and to add a little zest to the encounter, the Governor might be prevailed upon to promise to carry out the policy of the vanquished. Such a proposal has much to commend it. It would be as good a way as any other to settle a question which has now been debated long enough. His Excellency would please everyone by introducing a little novelty into the methods of Government administration.

No one would dare afterwards to accuse him of being "a slavish follower of precedent." And above all, what better opportunity could our journalistic friends desire of proving their sincerity? Judging from their writings, the reforms they advocate are very dear to them, and either would gladly lay down his life if the benefits which they foreshadow from the passing of the necessary measures could, by such small personal sacrifice, be assured to the community.

## FRENCH SHIPPING.

## HER EFFORTS AT RECOVERY.

France's proverbial power for quick recovery is nowhere more strikingly shown than in the shipping world. Her leading steamship line, which before the war had a fleet of 84 steamers, has now a fleet of just 100; and all this has been brought about in spite of heavy submarine losses, and a five-year period of stagnation in building.

French shipbuilding stood still during the war. The yards were used entirely for munitions and war material manufacture. France in this respect was an individual sufferer, for, while she built nothing, other nations were very busy in their shipyards. The United States was turning out more ships than ever before, and in March, 1919, England had 10 per cent. more tonnage under construction than in March, 1913 (her record year). In 1918 Italy launched tonnage 50 per cent. over the average tonnage launched in the four years before the war. The position of France in comparison with other countries was distinctly unfavourable. While at the beginning of 1919 world tonnage was 120 per cent. greater than before the war, France's share in that increase was less than 1 per cent. In short, the end of the war found her Mercantile Marine in a deplorable condition. Government control still exists, and is just as irksome and disadvantageous to the French shipowner as it has been to his British confrere. Every effort is being made to throw it overboard. And while the Government is discussing programmes of subsidies and support for the French Mercantile Marine, and has even promised to purchase a number of steamers to be hired out at very reasonable rates to shipping companies, the shipowners themselves are carving out their own programme of development. They fully realise that not a moment is to be lost if they are to regain their position in world competition.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique possessed 84 vessels at the end of 1914. War losses reduced this figure to 73 at the end of 1918. But with steamers the company has recently bought and those under construction in France and England the fleet now stands at about 100 vessels. This company owns the largest French liner, La France (28,000 tons), and the autumn will see the quadruple screw steamer Paris (30,000 tons) added to the fleet. This fine new vessel has had many delays in building at the Chantiers de Penhoët at St. Nazaire, where she has been on the stocks for more than four years. When finished she will represent of the one latest types of ocean liners, with several new features. Other important vessels are under construction for the company in England, and the firm has recently bought a dozen cargo boats and is launching out on a bold programme of development. Recently the Generale Transatlantique has taken a controlling interest in the Fabre Line and also in the Compagnie Sud Atlantique. Beyond the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the Far East, France's leading steamship line realises the great future awaiting French shipping in South America. Big developments are now on foot in the services from France to Brazil, Uruguay, and the Argentine.

The Fabre Line adds a modern liner to its Atlantic fleet in the autumn, with the "Providence," of 16,000 tons, now building at Toulon. It will shortly be re-opening its Italian emigration services, and extending its African coast services. Three or four new ships are being built for the company in England. The other French company, the Messageries Maritimes, takes up a much more conservative attitude; and is waiting to see the Government's policy with regard to subsidies before embarking on any new developments. It suffered great losses during the war, about 40 per cent. of its tonnage being sunk or destroyed. The fleet now numbers about 41 steamers, the largest of which is the "Andre le Bon" (13,680 tons). It is slowly getting back to normal conditions on its Australian, Madagascar, Mediterranean, Far East and Japan services, but is not adding to its fleet till March, 1920.

One factor is delaying French shipbuilding at present—the serious shortage of steel plates. The labour conditions are good, and when this lack of material is overcome a boom is anticipated in the French yards, and the Government has at last responded to the pressure of shipowners, and openly admits that the first step in industrial reconstruction is the establishment of a strong Mercantile Marine flying the French flag. While realising that this really depends on individual effort amongst French shipowners themselves, French shipping circles look very hopefully towards Great Britain for help in shipbuilding and in supplies. France, on her side, has to offer privileges to British shipping in the use of the most central European ports in the Atlantic tri-  
The emigree between France and England, which proved such a success in battles fought on land, may well be extended to those no less grim, though bloodless commercial battles, which are soon to be fought on the sea.

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## THE JOY OF NIGHT FISHING.

## HUNTING THE CONGER.

Fishing by day is good but fishing by night is incomparably better. First comes the joy of sinking away from the sea-table—its visitors, its chaffs, and its chatter—of subsiding into prehistoric garments, whose every strain recalls a good catch of fish, and every dam an escape from some too affectionate blackberry bush in bygone Septembers. And here is August once more, with conger-eeling joys. Up on the hill-top, where the sea-table is spread on a brown-holland lawn, the earth is hard as stone from long-continued drought. The leaves are wilted. Every flower is thirsty. But joy still lurks in the shady valley below.

"Where the sound of living waters never ceaseth.  
In God's quiet garden by the sea."  
And beyond the narrow strip of pebbled beach a sailing-boat sits rocking on the ripples, come to bear us over the broad waters of the bay for a night's fishing.

Simple, ordinary joys, these, in old days. But extraordinary now, in this first peace summer. "Congering" is tricky sport, only to be indulged in after dark when time, tide, and season are all exactly right; and, therefore, impossible while the rigid rule of Dora forbade even the smallest fishing boat to be out along this coast later than half an hour after sunset. Moreover, our friend the mariner has been away long on war service. His figure looks sturdier than of old, his face is tanned by southern sunshine, we notice, as he helps us into the boat. A greater change is the new alert quickness of tongue and ear that takes up every allusion with a vivid flash of response.

"Four years since I took you out last? No; five years next month, just after the war began. That was a night! When we struck the spot where the congers lie, and caught yards and yards of them, till it seemed even one more would have sunk the boat." Hoisting a ruddy brown sail we skim across the bay, while the talk drifts naturally to places seen during the long absence from home.

## THE ESSENTIAL RITUAL.

The sun is sinking lower as we talk. It is time to start fishing. So down comes the tawny sail with reluctant flappings, like a child unwilling to be put to bed before the fun begins. Over goes the anchor, with a businesslike plop. The lines are baited and cast, while some of us glance reproachfully at the mouth of a certain tidal river, where only last week we drifted for hours without catching a single fish. Does similar bad luck await us to-night? "Not in my boat," affirms our mariner proudly. "Not if you do this." He breathes softly on the hook before letting it slip into the sea. We do the same, wondering whether some ancient marine monster of the Aegean is being propitiated by the ritual. Or did our forefathers practise it on these legendary coasts? Whatever its origin, the charm works magically. In less than five minutes two shining beams are landed. Another swiftly follows: another, and another; all four lines busy and hardly time to rebait the hooks—the delicious frenzy of fishing, while it lasts. Congers can wait for another night, with beam blinding like this. Strangely enough, another boat, close by, does not succeed in landing a single fish. Evidently those fishermen have omitted to breathe on their hooks; but their envious glances make us feel that some magic for the cascade of fish must have been used by them.

## OYSTERS THROUGH THE AGES.

## GIN AND GINGERBREAD AT COLCHESTER LUNCH.

The Colchester oyster fishery was formally opened on September 4 with the usual quaint ceremony. The Mayor and Corporation traversed the fishery grounds in a dredger and the Mayor made the first haul of oysters, which proved to be of excellent quality. The Mayor and Corporation then consumed gin and gingerbread—a custom which has prevailed since the fishery was first open under Royal Charter in the reign of Richard I. A telegram expressing dutiful devotion was sent to the King at a luncheon afterwards on Peewit Island.

Alderman Benham said that over a thousand years ago Roman soldiers were doubtless sitting on that spot opening oysters with their swords. The East Saxons so appreciated the fishery that they took three oyster knives for their arms, and this device still formed the arms of the county of Essex. The Colchester fishery lost all their Continental customers during the war, but the British public consumed all that they could supply. They had had most successful seasons, and were able to give 40,000 oysters to military hospitals. The price had lately gone up, but the public insisted on having them.

The date of the Colchester oyster feast was fixed for October 21.

## THE CUCKOO FISH.

Suddenly one of our lines brings up a cuckoo fish, a radiant angel of the deep; its body zoned with waving bands of turquoise and golden scales and outlined with transparent fins "to match. Even in these days of scarcity the thought of dooming this iridescent visitor to to-morrow's breakfast-table causes a pang. However, "Rare good eating it is," says the mariner; and cuckoo joins bream on the slippery heap at our feet.

When the sport begins to slacken, over supper pasties and nectaries, travellers' tales begin again. Beneath the gradually appearing stars of the Bear the two inhabitants of the Northern hemisphere discuss local events, while we, who have spent long months beneath the Cross, drift peacefully back "Down under."

It is dark enough now to try for conger. Letting out a longer line, and putting on larger bait, we sit in patience while the hours slip past. But only two of the long striped, slippery eels come lolling over the side of the boat to reward us. This is not a conger night after all. "We have had our evening's luck in bream. Sixty-four are counted as we row home. As many as we can carry, and, of course the cuckoo fish to show the children, are threaded on a line, while sparkling flakes of phosphorescence awake with every dip of the oars. London's fireworks on Peace night were but tawdry affairs compared with these. Nature's own rhythmic jets of liquid light. Nevertheless, landing is dark enough to be difficult, as we tumble out and make our way over jagged edges andinky pools, encumbered by our weight of fish.

And so back into the safety of the shadowy valley. The blue lamps of hydrangeas shine by their own light till long after dusk, but even they are extinguished in the midnight gloom, up which we grope our way, disturbing the velvety owls by our emphatic whispers: "that we must catch those congers next time. And then we will go sailing, and see the night through from the other end."



## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the China Mail.]

## CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM RUSSIA.

HELSINGFORS, October 18th.—The Red Flag was again flying at Kronstadt this morning. The batteries at Krasnaya Gorka were active all night long.

LONDON, October 20th.—The news in regard to Petrograd and Kronstadt is very conflicting, being based chiefly on Yudenitch's communications and reports from Helsinki, and from Stockholm, which are not considered trustworthy.

The Russian Embassy in Paris announced definitely that this morning General Yudenitch occupied Petrograd, after the evacuation of the Red Army, but authoritative Russians in London do not anticipate the immediate fall of the city, and a Bolshevik wireless claims the recapture of Gatchina and Krasnoe, after which the Soviet Army started a counter offensive "which promises brilliant results."

General Yudenitch's dash to Petrograd was probably carried out with lightning speed. He advanced very rapidly at the coast, covering 40 miles in two days. Therefore a halt was necessary to enable supplies to come up.

General Yudenitch's army is small for such an enterprise as an attack on the capital. It is advancing on a long front from Narva to Tsikoff supported by Estonians and Letts on both flanks. Difficulties with these adherents have already developed.

Similarly, the rapidity of General Denikin's advance has not left his rear secure against General Dzerzhinsky's hostile Ukrainians.

A dispatch from the Ukrainian Press Bureau to Copenhagen indeed claimed that the Ukrainians have stopped General Denikin's offensive, also that many of the latter's troops have joined General Denikin and that this weakening of the anti-Bolshevik front resulted in the loss of Kiev.

Thus the Bolsheviks may not improbably be hiding their time, or in Krupin's phrase, waiting till the bullets put out their heads to strike a blow, as was done successfully on previous occasions.

Military experts are now of the opinion that if General Yudenitch and General Denikin do not recover quickly, the fall of Petrograd and Moscow may not be expected before spring.

The extent of the fronts affected are indicated in a Bolshevik message, reporting fighting in the region of Lepel, 100 miles south-east of Dvinsk, also west of Kieff, east and south-east of Moscow, and with Admiral Kolchak in Siberia, in the neighbourhood of Petropavlovsk, Kurgan and Tobolsk.

The fate of Kronstadt is still obscure. A Yudenitch communiqué yesterday claimed the capture of Kronstadt, while an authoritative British statement simultaneously issued from Helsinki denied that it had fallen to the British fleet.

A Bolshevik message, yesterday asserted that the British fleet operating near Kronstadt were repelled by the fire of the land batteries, yet the British Admiralty says it is not aware of British naval attacks on Kronstadt.

LONDON, October 19th.—Naval and Military circles in London persist in considering the reports of the surrender of Kronstadt as merely intelligent anticipation, but admit that Petrograd is so closely invested that little short of a miracle will save the capital.

The capture of Gatchina and Krasnoe is admitted by the Bolsheviks, while the War Office states that the Estonians co-operating with General Yudenitch are within four miles of Krasnaya Gorka, facing Kronstadt.

General Denikin, advancing on Moscow, has captured 20,000 prisoners in the past week, but he is not nearer Moscow since the capture of Orel, while he has still not recovered Kieff which a Bolshevik surprise attack captured on October 15th, and where, according to a Bolshevik bulletin, the Red troops are pursuing the enemy amid the burning suburbs.

HELSINGFORS, October 20th.—It is now expected that Petrograd will be occupied before Kronstadt. General Yudenitch's troops have occupied the station at Ligovo, 13 miles from the capital, and have reached Pullif, a railway junction in the suburbs.

In a communiqué, General Yudenitch claims that he has cut the railway between Petrograd and Moscow by blowing up a bridge over the Tona river.

The Bolsheviks have concentrated 20,000 troops about Gdov on Lake Peipus and 10,000 near Petrograd. They are determined to resist to the last.

## MORE TROUBLE IN INDIA.

SIMLA, October 10th.—A gathering of Wana Wazirs, 300 strong, attacked a reconnoitring party between Maghi and Luni on October 5th. The casualties were 20 killed and missing, including one British officer. The enemy lost heavily. A column from Kaur Bridge, on October 6th, engaged the same party, then estimated at 600 strong, near Maghi, and first drove them back to the hills, but, later, apparently fell into an ambush. The column only reached Kaur Bridge after heavy fighting. The casualties are believed to be approximately 80 including two British and one Indian medical officers killed. A fresh column with guns proceeded to Maghi on October 8th.

## THE TRACKS OF TYPHOONS.

It is a commonly accepted belief among mariners that the track of a typhoon in Eastern seas lies always away from the equator whether, in the Northern Hemisphere, it may be travelling toward the west or recurving to the eastward or vice versa in the Southern Hemisphere.

Typhoons are believed to originate on the extreme limit of that belt of malarious regions known as sailing-sail seas as the doldrums, about ten degrees of latitude north or south, and while those in the Indian Ocean travel thence in a south-easterly direction, those of the China Sea move north-west, north or recurving north-east. So far as disturbances on this side of the equator are concerned, while it is admitted that they occasionally moved thence west, it was not believed that their line of progression ever entered the southern semi-circle, thus bringing them toward the equator.

In the experience of the a.s. "Phaenops," which encountered the disastrous typhoon on July 26 that caused the loss of the s.s. "Haurato," with all hands, and another Japanese steamer, her master records such a movement of the typhoon toward the south: "I was completely fooled," he writes, "by the typhoon acting as it did at this time of year, contrary to old 'Laws of Storms.' Its line of progression, as I discovered too late, was between W.S.W. and S.W. instead of W.N.W. or N.W. and instead of running, as I thought (and probably poor old Lockett of the 'Haurato' did also) before a strong S.W. monsoon, which I took to be the afterwind following up behind a typhoon, on account of its strength, it was running right into the very path of the storm."

The dangerous fallacy of this line of reasoning, that a typhoon would not be found travelling S.W. is very kindly shown by Rev. F. C. S. J., Director of Siccawei Observatory who, with that devotion to the cause of the sailor that has already earned him the gratitude of all on the China coast, has compiled a chart of the tracks of all known typhoons in the China Seas for the past 28 years. In order that this information may be at the disposal of mariners without delay at a time when the China Seas to the south of Formosa experience the greatest number of typhoons, Father F. C. S. has kindly furnished an analysis of these tracks in which it is shown that, while the general direction of progress of such disturbances is within the northern semi-circle, it is by no means an absolute law of typhoons and it is necessary for mariners to be on their guard between the Philippines and the coast of Indo-China lest a typhoon centre lying to the northward, and which is apparently moving away, may be moving directly toward the vessel.

It is found from the chart in question that, during 26 years covered by the data, no less than 17 typhoons were travelling between W.S.W. and S.W. in various latitudes, while ten others were moving due west. This fact, Father F. C. S. states, occurs chiefly after August, when a rapid rise of pressure takes place in China, forcing the storm to alter its path in a more southerly direction and, although it is of comparatively rare occurrence, it must not be considered as strictly exceptional.

The warning is a timely one as it is quite possible that the safety of the ship and the lives of all on board might depend upon the foreknowledge of the master that, although his vessel lies to the southward of the centre of the storm, the disturbance may, nevertheless, be moving in a southerly direction toward him, making it necessary to run out of its path at all hazards instead of waiting, hove-to, for the typhoon to move away.

Mariners on the China coast will appreciate the self-sacrifice of the Director of Siccawei Observatory, who has led him, against all the instincts of an author or compiler, to make public data from his new book before its completion, in order that his warning may reach those vitally concerned in time.—Shipping and Engineering.

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## THE HEIR OF EASTERN FEUDALISM.

## THE END OF LANDLORDISM.

[By H. N. BRAINSFORD.]

The driving force in all the revolutions of Eastern Europe has been the Socialism of the town worker. The future of all these revolutions is still an enigma, but of one negative result we may safely say that it is permanent. The feudal age has disappeared. In 1914, when the war broke upon us, the dominating caste in the social and political life of all the agrarian countries from the Elbe to the Urals was a landowning nobility which held the masses of the rural workers in abject subjection, gave its own tone to the schools and the Church, and kept its hand in a tight grasp upon all the machinery of local government, the army, the Court, and the bureaucracy. This semi-feudal system was much more than an economic fact resting on the big estate; it was a type of civilisation which had its own mentality, one may almost say its own religion.

To-day, in one degree or another, feudalism is in total dissolution. The big estate is strangely varied. In Soviet Russia the rural magnate has not merely been dispossessed and expropriated without compensation; he is a fugitive. And that was also true of Hungary. In Poland and Czechoslovakia legislation has been passed which reduces all estates by compulsory sale to a very modest maximum. The combined voting power of peasants and Socialists seems to be in both these countries a sufficient guarantee that the law will be carried out. The magnates may remain in these countries and transfer their capital to other enterprises, but on the land their economic power is gone; they are henceforward simply farmers with a moderate holding among a multitude of equally independent cultivators. In Prussia the inevitable solution is but slightly delayed. The Government has intimated that it allows two years to the "Junkers" for the voluntary breaking up by private sales of the big latifundia; at the end of this period of grace it will complete the work by a law of compulsory expropriation. This seems, what in fact it is, a weak and dilatory expedient, adopted by a Ministry which lacks the resolution to cope, amid defeat, the threat of bankruptcy, and the danger of social revolt, with a multiplicity of urgent tasks of reconstruction. None the less, the doom of the Junker caste is legible in German politics. They have just been beaten in Pomerania in the first agrarian strike in the history of this land. The rigid system of class discipline has been broken. Further, the parties which the Junkers lead are now in a minority so feeble, both in the Prussian Diet and in the German Assembly, that they have lost their constitutional power of defence. The political future of the Baltic Provinces is still obscure, but the one thing certain is that the (mainly German) Baltic nobility is broken and the peasant movement irresistible. The Ukraine is at this moment a cauldron of complex wars and civil wars, jacqueries and pogroms, but whether Poles or Bolsheviks, Nationalists or White Guards ultimately retain this or that other area within it, its vast estates are already broken up and can never be restored. Rumania will be the last of these eastern lands to complete this agrarian transformation, but even here the revolutionary undercurrent has been strong enough to extort from the most oppressive of all these feudal castes a paper scheme of partition which sooner or later may be made effective.

The reader may object that the triumph of Kolchak and Denikin in Russia, which may still be a possibility after another year of devastating and murderous civil war, would rob the peasants of the land they have seized. One may take the most cynical view of the Supreme Ruler and his promises. If he calls a Constituent Assembly it will only be after he has decimated the Socialist parties by massacres and executions, and lamed them by the suppression of civil and electoral rights. In any Government which the "Whites" set up the interests of the old bureaucracy, the officer class, the Church, and the nobility will certainly be supreme. They may try by a land tax or by purchase instalments to arrange for compensation to the expropriated owners, but

## MR. VERNON HARCOURT.

## LOSS TO BRITISH SCIENCE.

Men of science everywhere will hear with deep regret that Mr. A. Vernon Harcourt, probably the oldest organising member of the British Association, died on August 25. He made important contributions to chemical science as a very young man; and long after he gave up his professional duties at Oxford and left Christ Church he continued to do valuable work both for science and for the community.

Among many inventions is the standard lamp used for testing the purity of London gas. In later years Mr. Harcourt perfected, along with Sir Victor Hensley and a committee of doctors, the best of all apparatus for giving chloroform. It has been a godsend to many anaesthetists.

Few men of science anywhere have surpassed him in the careful use of language. He was a scholar before he studied science; and his fondness for language made him towards the end of his long life one of the keenest students of Esperanto. His enthusiasm for games was equally great. He built himself a squash-racket court when he was nearly 70, and played lawn tennis up to the outbreak of war. He died peacefully at his house in the Isle of Wight. He was in his 87th year.

they will not dare to break their promise to leave the peasants in possession of the land. It is easier to believe in the rehabilitation of monarchy in Russia than in the restoration of feudalism. In this new social world of Eastern Europe there may be rich farmers, poor peasant owners, and also landless rural labourers, but there will be no longer a dominant noble caste whose power rests on its monopoly of the soil.

## PEASANT INDIVIDUALISM.

The destruction of feudalism is a negative result of revolution, but it is not the result at which the Socialist pioneers were aiming. Socialism is bound to insist on the ownership of the land by the State. Even if it were to agree, as a transitional measure, that while the State retained the title to the land the individual peasant should continue to cultivate it, on something like a life tenure, it would do so at grave peril to itself. These smallholders, each of them disposing of his own produce, each of them studying the market and its fluctuations of prices, would necessarily retain or acquire the commercial habit of mind. They would work for profit. The more successful of them would soon begin to employ labourers at wages, with the result that rural society would soon be divided once more into employers and employed. Even if the State retained the ownership of the unimproved land, the peasant must be allowed a title to his own improvements. An enterprising man will try to extend his holding, if not by purchase then by lease, and if the law restricts him in these ambitions he will, in effect, be a capitalist in character, with all the consequences. Neither in its economic structure nor in its mentality would such a society favour Socialism. This peasant class is in Poland and Hungary (to take the two instances which I have lately watched) deeply attached to the Church, and sees in Catholic priest or Calvinist pastor its natural leader. It is intensely conservative, jealous of any expenditure for social purposes, on education for example, and easily roused into violent antagonism against the advanced parties of the towns, especially when these are under Jewish leadership. It is fiercely nationalist in its outlook, and its patriotism is easily exploited and abused. It may for a moment (as in Poland) make a fighting alliance with Socialism in order to defeat the party of the great landlords, but the mental gulf remains unbridgeable, and so soon as the partition of the big estates is achieved the alliance will cease, and a bitter antagonism may succeed it. The ethics and the social consciousness of Socialism can thrive only where there is co-operative work. It may live in a factory or in a rural community, but it cannot survive in a community where each cultivator works his holding for profit in isolation. A close system of co-operation in the marketing of produce, the purchase of seeds and fertilisers, and the common use of machinery may do something to modify the fundamental individualism and conservatism of the peasantry, but even so it will remain a propertied class.

## SPOTTED SKIFFLEP.

## SEEN ON "THE BEACH" AT KUALA LUMPUR.

This is what the *New York Times* related on August 25:—

Passengers arrived yesterday from England on the White Star liner "Baltic" told of a strange marine monster that had been sighted off the Goodwin Sands recently and caused considerable discussion among the seafolk around the Kentish coast. At first some of the London newspapers declared it was Herbert the sea lion, that escaped from the aquarium in Dover and jumped off Shakespeare cliff into the English Channel. Some of the editors suggested that it might be a stray torpedo that did not know the armistice had been signed. People who saw the monster at close range from the deck of the examination steamer "Royal Sovereign" declared it was one of the strange fish from the Straits of Malacca, known to seamen as the spotted skifflep of Singapore.

Prof. Cornelius Van den Bliek, an orchid hunter from Java, said that he recognised the fish through his glasses as it was apparently swimming along on the surface of the sea, which it does by means of a powerful tail built like a propeller that revolves in either direction at high speed, so that the spotted skifflep can go ahead or astern at will. This peculiar trait of the Eastern wonder fish makes it difficult for observers to know whether the skifflep is coming or going and also deceives its prey. There is a sharp, spined tail projecting about eighteen inches from the two driving blades, according to Professor Van den Bliek, upon which the spotted skifflep impales its victims when rushing full speed astern, and the fish has a long mouth equipped with sharp, sawlike teeth to seize anything when attacking ahead.

## CHASED BY SEA MONSTERS.

Marmaduke M. Mizzle, a Mincing Lane curate and sea merchant, who also saw the strange monster from the "Royal Sovereign," was most emphatic in his assertions that it was a veritable spotted skifflep of Singapore. He told his fellow passengers that it was half fish and half animal and had four web feet, which enabled the skifflep to travel on the sand at a good speed.

"I was on the beach of Kuala Lumpur," he said, "pursuing a young sundew that had lost its way, when heard a rushing sound upon the water and saw one of these strange monsters coming for me rapidly. Leaving the sundew to its fate I fled to the shore and ran barefooted over the scorching sands chased by the spotted skifflep and was nearly all in when I met two Malay boys armed with bamboo spears, who rescued me in the nick of time. The natives dread the skifflep in the sea more than they do the shark, as it is difficult to tell what the monster is going to do."

"When I caught the first glimpse of the spotted skifflep of Singapore this baleful glare from its large, green eyes pierced me through and through. I thought of offering it a bag of curlew seeds I had in my pocket, but there was no time to get it out. The one off the Goodwin Sands was about ten feet long, and was inching around some object that looked like a floating mine, which it was probably about to attack with its spear-like tail."

Mr. Mizzle explained that the spotted skifflep had never been reported before in Western waters, and had probably followed some ship through the Red Sea and Suez Canal into the Mediterranean and lost its way.

## THIS FISH NEVER DIES.

Captain Frank Clark, who lives in Gravesend at the mouth of the River Thames, and is regarded as an authority on the subject of marine monsters, said that Mr. Mizzle was undoubtedly correct in stating that the visitor now striking the waters off the Goodwin Sands was a genuine spotted skifflep of Singapore.

"This remarkable specimen of the deep," the Captain said, "was reported as the fish that gave the Admiralty the idea of camouflaging ships to disguise them from the eyes of the enemy submarines. At break of day it is a dull, cold grey colour, with red spots; at 11 a.m., when the sun is over the low-lying land, the skifflep changes to blue and gold, and becomes deep red and white toward sundown. As night falls it

## SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Mr. E. P. Kidby, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. R. F. Sheel, chief officer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. B. Easton, from reserve, has gone supernumerary, chief engineer, "Cheonan."

Mr. C. J. Pirie, chief engineer, "Kashang," is on leave.

Mr. W. R. Smith, second engineer, "Sunning," is on leave.

Mr. P. D. Cooper, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. J. Gray, from reserve, has gone acting master, "Tungwo."

Captain J. R. Reid, of the "Tungwo," is on leave.

Mr. M. J. Rowe, third engineer, "Koonshing," has gone supernumerary third engineer, "Kwang-sung."

Mr. A. M. Scott, supernumerary chief engineer, "Kwang-sung," has gone chief engineer, "Wosang."

Mr. D. Anderson, chief engineer, "Wosang," is on reserve.

Mr. P. Byre, chief officer, "Kiang-jung," has gone chief officer, "Kwang-sung."

Mr. E. B. Graham, second officer, "Taishun," has resigned.

Mr. W. C. Young has been appointed second officer, "Taishun."

Mr. K. A. Penrose has been appointed second officer, "Hsinieh."

Mr. A. Russell, chief officer, "Taishun," has resigned.

Mr. J. H. Johnson, second officer, "Hsinieh," has gone acting chief officer, "Taishun."

Mr. A. G. Simpson, third engineer, "Hsinieh," has gone second engineer, "Kiang-jung."

Mr. W. Hooker, second engineer, "Kiang-jung," has gone acting chief engineer, "Hsinieh."

Mr. E. Berthel, from leave, has gone third engineer, "Hsinieh."

Mr. W. Bowden, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Kiang-jung."

Mr. K. G. Stevens, second officer, "Wolvorn," is on leave.

Mr. P. A. Watson has been appointed second officer, "Wolvorn."

Capt. W. J. Collem, of the "Wabon," has gone master, "Kwang-jung."—Shipping and Engineering.

assumes a hue of invisible gray with yellow spots and fades away. Spotted skiffleps never die.

"I was attacked by one many years ago when I was Second Mate of the clipper 'Black Adder,' a strictly temperance ship, mark you, under Captain Tom Pepper of China fame. We were becalmed off the Java coast with a sea like boiled oil, and a copper-coloured sky. The deck was so burning hot that Tiddles, the cook's cat, went up on to the main yard to look for a breeze. About 4 bells in the middle watch, 2 a.m., Pompey, the Captain's fox-terrier, went crazy with the heat and jumped off the poop into the steaming sea, which lapped lazily against the dolphin striker. I was young at the time and full of sympathy for all dumb animals, so I kicked off my canvas shoes and went over the side with a big splash.

"I had just got alongside poor, old Pompey when I heard a loud, whining noise close to me, and saw a big, spotted skifflep coming for me, with open mouth, at great speed. I just had time to dive as the monster passed over my head, and when I bobbed up on the surface again the dog had disappeared. In the meantime the skifflep had reversed, making a noise like escaping steam, and was coming for me stem first, to impale me on his long tail, which shone like silver in the moonlight, and was shaped like a marlin spine. The rays of the moon, reflected in its fiery green eyes, dazzled me as it swung around, and I don't know to this day just how I got back to the side of the 'Black Adder' and clambered up on the fore sheet which this cook had hung over the topgallant sail to dry. It was a narrow escape."

The passengers on the "Baltic" said that motor launches armed with automatic rifles, mounted at bow and stern, had gone out from Down and Dead to look for the spotted skifflep of Singapore, and that Marmaduke M. Mizzle, the Mincing Lane curate and sea merchant, had offered £100 for its skin, to have it stuffed and presented to the British Museum.

## THE OPEN DOOR.

## GERMANS SEEKING CASE TRADE.

From many quarters evidence accumulated of the belief in Germany in a rapid resumption of trade with Great Britain. But it will be several weeks before there is an influx of the imports that have been shut out or restricted since the war began.

Though I have made wide inquiries, I have not found trace of a single definite order to a German firm, but I understand that correspondence is passing in the nature of negotiations, says the Trade Correspondent of the *Daily Mail*.

Several cases of component parts of American motor-cars were unloaded in the Port of London and others are to be landed. They were shipped under licence and not as a result of the removal of restrictions. The first order of 4,000 cars, which the firm cabled immediately the announcement of open ports was made, will not begin to arrive for some weeks. American goods have been coming in in great volume and diversity—"everything, from a mousetrap to a typewriter," said one shipper—but the unfavourable rate of exchange is now operating against most goods, though in certain lines of hardware the American quotations are still below the British.

Some manufacturers, such as toy-makers, whose industries, extended as a result of the war, will be directly hit by a return to free imports from Germany, are the most active in their demands that the Board of Trade shall protect them. The makers of hosiery, gloves, fancy leather goods, and wire nails have also sent representations to Sir Auckland Geddes on the danger to their enterprises. The last trade returns before the war showed that Germany sent us £1,050,534 worth of toys and games, £1,447,236 worth of cotton hosiery, £527,249 of wollen hosiery, £27,249 of cotton gloves, £778,624 of leather gloves, £386,979 of artificial flowers, and £209,937 wire nails and screws.

## WATCH BY CUSTOMS.

I am informed that the Customs authorities will carefully watch imports and make reports to the Commerce and Industry Department of the Board of Trade. On evidence thus collected as to the price of goods in the country of origin and the price they are sold for here, the President will decide measures to check "dumping."

In view of the diversity of interests and views, the Federation of British Industries, with which many hundreds of firms and trade associations are affiliated, is calling trade group meetings to discuss the position. When each of the groups has reported its special requirements, a summary of the views will be sent to Sir Auckland Geddes.

It should be remembered that we are already doing business with Germany, and reports from the occupied region are that large and satisfactory transactions are being completed. The Federation is supplementing the Government arrangements by establishing a branch in Cologne which is advancing business these and reporting on what may be expected to come here.

## SCHOOLS OF RUN OFFERS.

London, Birmingham, Leicester, Nottingham, and Sheffield firms are receiving many letters from Germans expressing eagerness to resume business. Very large quantities of enamelled ware and other domestic articles are being offered below British factory prices. German firms are also trying to regain a footing in the market for jewellers' boxes and their fittings. But while one of the secrets of German penetration before the war was long credit, the business offers now coming indicate a desire for cash.

There is a tendency among British wholesalers to await the demands of retailers, and retailers are waiting to test the feeling of their customers. The general view is that against acknowledged German goods there will be a prejudice for many years. But towards goods made with German raw materials, or otherwise not distinguishable, the attitude may be different.

## CHILDREN'S COLDS.

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## FOLK-LORE.

## A MODERN WHITE WITCH OF KIMMOOR.

## THUNDER GOD'S ABOBE.

Edward Lovett, Hon. Curator of the Folklore section of the Imperial War Museum, writes in the *Morning Post*:

About ten years ago I was in the neighbourhood of Exmoor, and devoted many days to endeavouring to obtain folk-lore records from the natives. It was very difficult to do this, unless you got to know them well first. One morning whilst waiting for a boat to take me across the river, I noticed among some second-hand clothing in the window of a cottage a few specimens of ordinary iron pyrites. Thinking they might lead to some folk-lore discoveries, I went to the shop, and there met a very pleasant-looking old lady, who very politely asked me what I wanted. The price she appeared very much surprised, and wanted to know what I knew about "thunderbolts." I said that if you had one of them in your house the house would never be struck by lightning. She seemed intensely interested, and said, "How do you know that?" I explained, saying that I was on the point of obtaining some interesting information, I related one or two little stories connected with magic, as understood in these parts. Without going into much detail I may add that I had a long and valuable conversation with the old dame extending over nearly two hours. I regret to say she died. It was quite evident to me that she was what would have been called a witch in the old days. But she came under the category of a "white witch," that is, one who breaks spells and cures illness and ailments, by means of charms and amulets. I need hardly say that I was very careful in my letters to her, and always maintained the position of one asking for information, although I was generally well aware of the nature of the answers I was getting to my questions. I also obtained for me a number of certain folk-lore charms in whose health I was supposed to have the greatest interest. A large number of the charms and amulets which she, in her capacity as a "white witch," prepared for her neighbours who suffered from trivial ailments. In every case I would simply ask her for a cure for, say, headache, or toothache, or cramp, etc. What surprised me most of all was that no single instance did she send me anything which could be regarded as a talisman. From my own knowledge of the subject I was able to prove the absolute correctness of her statements. Her letters were written in a phonic fashion that would have delighted the Simplified Spelling Society.

THE ABODE OF THE THUNDER-GOD.

In two or three cases the information I obtained was new to me, and in one instance it was not until four years afterwards that I could obtain confirmation of her statement from a totally different locality. (I have a fixed rule of never recording anything unless I have two or three proofs from different quarters.) Perhaps the most remarkable superstition in that part of England is the belief in the virtues of the Ash tree. In ancient Scandinavia the ash was known as the "tree of life," and was called "Yggdrasil." The peasant of Exmoor who suffers from "nerves" is able to fit a piece of a little bag containing small pieces of twigs of the ash-tree. And, talking of trees, I may say that the oak, which is considered to be the abode of the Thunder-god, is called the "tree of the lightning," owing to the frequency with which it is struck, and acorns, real or artificial, are widely carried as charms against being struck during a storm. A somewhat gruesome charm, used as a cure for fits, is a dead frog, which has been carefully dried in an oven, and is worn round the neck of the patient in a little silk bag. The toad also, which curiously enough is known as a "toad frog," is hung up in a bag in the house, to protect the inmates from the possible effects of witchcraft.

STONE CHARMS FOR TOOTHACHE.

As regards cramp, the natives of Exmoor have a strong belief in the digging foot of a mole, which likewise is kept in a little bag. The curious curative of this digging foot suggests a cramped condition, and, as we shall see, the belief in the superiority of these cures is based on sympathetic magic. It is interesting to know that among these peasants toothache and cramp are practically identical, and we find that

## SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

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## BRITISH MERCHANT SEAMEN.

## PROPOSED AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

A municipal proposal to raise the sum of ten millions as America's tribute to British Merchant Seamen, which originates with Mr. William Appleton, an American gentleman of Yorkshire parentage, has drawn the following message from President Wilson:

I am very glad indeed to have an opportunity to add my voice to the American tribute along with our own grateful seamen. They have rendered a service to humanity in the great war which has just ended, which entitles them among the true servants of freedom and civilization. I am sure that I am speaking when I say this, for the people of the United States, and particularly for the American seamen who have taken a like part in the great enterprise of liberty.

Admiral Lord Boscawen has also written to Mr. Appleton in appreciation and gratitude for the spontaneous offering, adding: "As the beginning of the war, the officers and seamen went to sea untrained and untested, to almost certain death. 17,000 gave up their lives to maintain a free supply of transport, 30,000 more are incapacitated. We nearly lost the war in 1917, and must have done so without the 'pick' of the fleet, and courage of the British Merchant Marine."

It is, of course, a gigantic task which Mr. Appleton has set himself, but he is confident of success, and, as he pointed out at a luncheon given recently at Claridge's Hotel, he has already created a big organization for the purpose at 635, Fifth Avenue, New York, from which he appeals to the 120,000,000 of our American allies. Meanwhile, he is setting himself while in England to get in touch with the forty to fifty thousand Americans in Great Britain.

Mr. Appleton was anxious to make it plain that his scheme is not to be considered as charity, it is America's tribute to duty nobly and selflessly done without the expectation of reward. Only Americans are to be asked to subscribe. For the purpose of endowing the homes of these 30,000 British heroes at £2 a head, \$90,000 a week will be required, or \$3,000,000 a year, which meant that \$90,000,000 would have to be put up at 5 per cent. One-sixth of sixty millions is ten millions, and that is what he is asking for. The money is to be invested in American securities, and the securities handed over to British trustees, of which Admiral Lord Boscawen is the president.

## GERMAN RUFFIANISM.

## BRITISH OFFICER INSULTED.

An incident in which a British captain was involved occurred at Bromley on July 22, and, according to the *Times*, has been the subject of an exchange of notes. The report made by Captain Mitchell, which is cited, shows that when passing along the main street of Bromley in the evening he was surrounded by a group of "Ginnschitz" soldiers, who roughly abused him, spat at him, and insulted him. This continued for over ten minutes until his hotel was reached, when Captain Mitchell was only able to enter by breaking through the crowd around him, who were now hustling him in the rudest way. The crowd remained yelling outside the hotel for about five minutes, and showered the wildest and most opprobrious epithets on him. The police in the street did not interfere.

Human tooth is often found round a baby's neck to help on the teething process. I have several records, not only from Devonshire, but from the Eastern Counties as well, that a girl who loses a tooth will actually save it to assist the dentition of the possible baby of the future. In some cases I found that where a tooth was not to be had a natural stone which looked like a tooth was made to do duty for it. I also ascertained that where the common hazel-nut occurs, as it sometimes does, in a double or treble form, it is held to be a powerful cure for tooth-ache. Another quaint cure for this is a stone perforated with innumerable holes by some marine boring animals, far back in geological times. One of the most remarkable instances that ever came under my notice occurred in connection with a stone charm for tooth-ache. It was obtained from my "white witch," a grey pebble having a white vein of quartzite in it. A year afterwards I happened to be in Belgium, and in a museum there I saw a specimen of an exactly similar stone, which was used by the Belgian women for a precisely similar purpose.

## YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

## PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT THE HALF YEAR.

## JAPAN'S TRADE HIT BY PEACE.

Many facts of interest and importance concerning the trade of Japan are contained in the address of the President (Mr. N. Kajiwara), at the 70th ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. The directors' report for the half year ended June 30 last stated that the gross profits of the Bank for the past half-year, including ¥3,201,363.96 brought forward from last account, amount to ¥193,696,580.00, from which the sum of ¥14,333,754.06 has been deducted for interests, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current, and doubtful debts, bonus for officers and clerks, etc., leaving a balance of ¥1,796,833.03 for appropriation. The directors propose that ¥3,000,000.00 be added to the reserve fund, and recommended a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, which will amount to ¥2,232,000.00. This balance, ¥1,796,833.03, will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

EXCESS OF IMPORTS.

The chairman began his address with a general survey of economic affairs in Japan, and said that the clouded atmosphere created in their economic world last autumn by the armistice had continued ever since, and as a result their foreign trade had been affected and showed an excess in imports, even business in such an important export item as raw silk showing great slackness; the price of this commodity dropping to ¥1800 at one time. Industries and the share market likewise remained dull and quiet, and this state of affairs continued until the month of April, when the general aspect of economic conditions began to take a turn for the better, and towards the end of the period under review showed that prosperity which had been anticipated at the time the armistice was signed. To this result a revival in the shipping business and the conversion to peace pursuits of those businesses and industries temporarily engaged in war activities greatly assisted, while raw silk rose to the record of ¥2,500 owing to the demand from, and the prosperous condition of, the United States, and also to the continued upward tendency of the price of rice. As regards the money market, notwithstanding the excess of imports, and the local banks having maintained a cautious attitude, a somewhat easy tone prevailed. Of this the Government took advantage to issue Exchange Bonds, ¥52,000,000 in February and ¥52,000,000 in April, but little or no effect was caused to the market thereby. Towards the end of the period under review, the demand for funds greatly increased as a consequence of economic conditions and the briskness of trade, but nevertheless, the half-year passed smoothly and without disturbance. The Banks are now contemplating strengthening their positions either by amalgamation or by an increase of capital, and the new method adopted by the Bank of Japan of discounting foreign bills accepted by the Bank has been a stimulant to no little degree to the financing of foreign trade as well as to the creation of a discount market in Japan.

FOREIGN TRADE SHOWED AN EXCESS OF IMPORTS DURING THE PAST HALF-YEAR. The exports amounting to ¥1,049,600,000, giving a total trade of ¥1,978,000,000 in all, which, compared with the corresponding period of last year, was an increase of ¥1,140,000,000 the imports having increased by ¥1,208,000,000 as against a decrease of ¥9,600,000 in exports. The principal increases in exports (millions being understood throughout) are:

• Cotton Fabrics ..... 42  
Raw Silk ..... 38  
Cotton Underwear ..... 3  
Woolen Fabrics ..... 2  
Decreases occurred in exports in—  
Beans ..... 17  
Cotton Yarns ..... 12  
Waste Silk ..... 6  
Haberdashery ..... 5  
Copper ..... 5  
Zinc ..... 5  
All other items showed decreases. Increases in imports were principally in—  
Raw Cotton ..... 64  
Rice ..... 68  
Machinery ..... 20  
Bean Cake ..... 19  
Paper ..... 7  
Beans ..... 6  
and in a smaller degree in all others, except that a decrease was shown in—  
Iron and Steel ¥44,000,000.

The decrease in exports was due primarily to the stagnation of business following the armistice and pending the signing of Peace, and also to a decrease in the demand for Japanese manufactures abroad. During the war, foreign trade in Japan was not in a flourishing condition, but in April matters improved and exports to Europe, the United States, and Japan became active. The sale of imported goods was satisfactory until May when the boycott of Japanese goods occurred in a large number of places, those at Shanghai and Tientsin being the most violent. In June, Japanese transactions at both these places practically ceased. The demonstrations outwardly subsided as the result of the intervention by the Chinese Government, but more nevertheless still being carried on surreptitiously at the end of the half year. In Manchuria trade had naturally been very dull in view of the prevailing conditions, while as a result of the lack of good transport facilities to the interior had accumulated large stocks of merchandise. The Chairman concluded with the observation that in spite of the fact that conditions had required careful watching in view of the high price of silver, the boycott of Japanese goods and other difficulties, they were able to make a better report than that of the previous year.

## IRISH REFERENDUM.

## MR. DEVLIN'S WAY OUT.

Mr. John Devlin, M.P., speaking in Glasgow, said he was there as an uninvited and independent constitutional Irish Nationalist.

Why, he asked, had every other land in Europe been granted its freedom, and Ireland, being denied that right? The war was said to be a fight against militarism, yet in Ireland to-day they had an Army of occupation comprising 80,000 men. The Government imagined that if they made Ireland prosperous they would make her contented. Ireland was never so discontented as to-day and the Irish were never so prosperous.

It was not their business to tell England how to get rid of her Irish difficulty. There was one way, however, in which it could be settled. Let her take a referendum of the people of Ireland.

We have to-day manhood and womanhood suffering in that country. You can understand the interest of minorities by the introduction of a system of proportional representation. Elect a convention on a broad franchise, with proportional representation, and then leave it to such a convention, elected by the people themselves, to find out some scheme that would satisfy Ireland, taking into consideration the position of minorities and all legitimate and genuine considerations. Let the constitution drafted by that convention be conceded to Ireland. That is what I understand by self-determination. Let the people of Ireland decide what is to be their future.

## WHEAT CROP DECLINE.

While more land is under cultivation this year than last, the amount devoted to corn crops is substantially less.

The wheat acreage has decreased 10 per cent., and the yield per acre is estimated at 9 per cent. below the average. Oats and barley are estimated to yield from 10 to 20 per cent. less than the average.

These estimates are based on 90 per cent. of the returns to the Board of Agriculture.

and a shortage of bottoms tended to restrict imports, but after the armistice was signed conditions became somewhat easier, enabling old orders as well as newly placed ones to be filled in large numbers. Another contributing factor to the increase in imports was the high price of rice which caused the importation of quantities of foodstuffs and manures, while owing to the good prospects of the mills, raw cotton was imported to a largely increased extent. The decrease in exports and increase in imports, had a corresponding effect on dealings in Foreign Exchange, for the total of exchange transactions for this half year disclosing a decrease of ¥87,000,000.

## EFFECT OF THE BOYCOTT.

Reviewing the economic situation abroad, the chairman expressed the improbability of an early return by European countries to the pre-war economic position.

Turning to the Orient, Japanese exports to India amounted to about ¥140,000,000 and imports to ¥1,100,000,000, which figures, compared with those for the corresponding period of last year, show decreases of ¥33,000,000 and ¥3,700,000,000 respectively. In Hongkong, the export trade was, generally speaking, dull, and the import business also had, especially as regards imports of Japanese yarns, which were supplanted by Chinese and Indian products, while about 40 per cent. below the normal. In view of these circumstances, the demand for funds was so small that money was very plentiful, but in April a tightness was felt on the Shanghai market, and as a result of the eagerness of the Banks to remit there the stringency was reflected in Hongkong.

During the first three months of the year, as a result of the armistice, foreign trade in China was not in a flourishing condition, but in April matters improved and exports to Europe, the United States, and Japan became active. The sale of imported goods was satisfactory until May when the boycott of Japanese goods occurred in a large number of places, those at Shanghai and Tientsin being the most violent. In June, Japanese transactions at both these places practically ceased. The demonstrations outwardly subsided as the result of the intervention by the Chinese Government, but more nevertheless still being carried on surreptitiously at the end of the half year. In Manchuria trade had naturally been very dull in view of the prevailing conditions, while as a result of the lack of good transport facilities to the interior had accumulated large stocks of merchandise. The Chairman concluded with the observation that in spite of the fact that conditions had required careful watching in view of the high price of silver, the boycott of Japanese goods and other difficulties, they were able to make a better report than that of the previous year.

## MR. HENDERSON'S MISSION TO RUSSIA.

## REVELATIONS AT WIDNES.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labour candidate, in opening his public campaign at Widnes on Aug. 25, threw some additional light on the Russian policy of Mr. Lloyd George in 1917.

At that period the War Cabinet of five, and he intimated his audience that the Cabinet unanimously decided in his absence to send him on a mission to Russia, and that "I went possessing the power to send the then Ambassador home at the end of a fortnight, and to take his job as £9,000 a year." Mr. Henderson said he thought the decision wrong, and he returned home instead of the Ambassador. Mr. Henderson also explained his attitude on the Stockholm Conference.

These explanations of the Labour candidate arose out of charges of being a pacifist which Mr. Fisher, the Conservative candidate, had made against him, and which Mr. Henderson characterized as "this damned lie." He pointed to his work in the two Cabinets, and said that no man had received such expressions of gratitude as he had received from Lord Derby for his help in the Derby scheme. He also denied emphatically the statement that when he returned from Petrograd his resignation was asked for. "It was tendered voluntarily," he said, "because of the difference between my colleagues and myself on this question of a conference."

In an address which lasted an hour Mr. Henderson touched on some of the social reforms "which we are out for, and which we demand in our lifetime." Housing he placed in a front position. Mr. J. Sexton, M.P., a previous speaker had said that if anyone in the country wanted an object-lesson in housing he must come to Widnes. Mr. Henderson added that the land monopolists had done the town and other towns a great injustice in making the free sale of land impossible. On the condition of Ireland he said that no one knew how soon most serious and most distressing episodes might take place in that part of the United Kingdom. What happened in Ireland at the last election ought to have been a sufficient warning to the Government. "We drift on," said the speaker. "Questions are asked in the House of Commons, and members of the Government answer that the Prime Minister is going to announce a policy. When I ask, 'The House, rose, and not a word was said.' It is tragic."

CAMPAIGN OF MISREPRESENTATION.

Mr. Henderson said that his opponents, instead of proceeding on a high plane of educative propaganda, were engaged in a campaign of malicious and calumnious misrepresentation and abuse. The stigma sought to be attached to him was that he was a pacifist. He was prepared to face that issue and to test it. He hoped to be pardoned if he used an unpardonable phrase about the statement and to call it "this damned lie that is being circulated."

Early in the war, on the personal invitation of Mr. Asquith, he joined the Cabinet, and one of the things he helped to do was to build up the platform they would soon know whether the Labour candidate before them was a pacifist or not. From no man in the country had he received such expressions of gratitude as he had received from Lord Derby for his help in making the Derby scheme the success it was. (Hear, hear.) He did his best to save this country from Prussian militarism. He would remember that at this period some of his advanced friends in the Labour movement were against him. When Mr. Lloyd George became Prime Minister he was personally invited to become the representative of Labour in the War Cabinet of five, and during the early months of that Cabinet he assisted to the best of his ability in trying to win the war.

In the middle of 1917 that Cabinet unanimously decided in his absence to ask him to go on an important mission to Russia, and he went to Russia. The people who least liked his going to Russia were the Bolsheviks. They had the most to say against his going to Russia, and they had had most to say against him since. It was a curious thing that the Unionists in this and other parts of the country wished to throw him body and soul to those who disowned him. (Laughter.) When I went to Russia (said Mr. Henderson) I was opposed to the Stockholm Conference, and my chief, Mr. Lloyd George, was not in favour of it. I went to Russia, and I got converted. I came to two conclusions. First, that we must revise the secret treaties. The Russians who met me said they must have the treaties revised. I asked them to explain, and they asked me, "When you handed over Constantinople to the Tsar, what did you get; and what did France and England get for going into the war?" I next found out that the Russians wanted the Stockholm Conference, and they wanted it to be a negotiating conference. I said, "I will not have anything to do with a negotiating conference." I ask Mr. Fisher, who charges me with going behind the back of the Government on this question, to

formulate that charge definitely. If he will, I will not settle it in courts of law. I will ask him to meet me on any platform in the constituency, and to allow the electors to decide after hearing the charge and the defence. (Cheers.)

## THE PETROGRAD EMBASSY.

I will let you into another secret. When I went to Russia I went possessing the power to send the then Ambassador home at the end of a fortnight and to take his job as £9,000 a year. I made up my mind that this decision had been taken on altogether wrong grounds, and that it was unfair for me to ask the Ambassador to return home. So I wired to London to say that I should return, and that he should remain at his post. (Cheers.) If I had been the mean, despicable politician that they are trying to make me out to be I could have remained there at £9,000 a year, or I could have returned, and instead of saying any word about Stockholm and revising the secret treaties I could have gone on with my work in the Cabinet and been getting my £5,000 a year until now. But that £5,000 would have been covered up with a napkin cloth.

I want in the most emphatic way to challenge the statement I read in one of the papers to-day, where it was said that when I returned from Petrograd, my resignation was asked for. I deny that absolutely. My resignation was never asked for. It was tendered voluntarily, because I found that the difference between my colleagues and myself on this question of a conference, even a consultative conference, was so great that I could not remain secretary of the Labour party and a member of the War Cabinet, holding the views I did. Therefore, I determined to sacrifice my £5,000 a year and stand by my party and my principles. (Cheers.)

## MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

OCTOBER 20th 1919.

## Butcher Meat.

Beef Strips—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	30
"Prime Cut	"	30
"Corned—Ham Ngai Yek	"	22
"Roast—Shih	"	30
"Brisket—Ngai Nam	"	18
"Soup—Yung Yek	"	15
"Steak—Ngai Yek Pa	"	22
"Steak Strips—Ngai Lan	"	28
"Sausages—Ngai Cheung	"	26
Sallock's Brains—Ngai No per set	10	
Tongue, fresh—Ngai Lan each	50	
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngai Li	each 80 cents	
Head—Nga Tse	each 1.00	
Head—Ngai Sam	lb.	13
Hump, Salt—Ngai Kiu	lb.	17
Pork—Ngai Kook	each	10
Kidney—Ngai Yu	"	10
Tail—Ngai Mid	"	18
Liver—Ngai Kiu	lb.	10
Tripe (unadressed)—Ngai To	lb.	7

Calves' Head and Feet—Ngai Tai	each 1.10	
Mutton Chops—Yung Fai Kwai	lb.	30
"Lag—Yung Fai Kwai	"	30
"Shoulder—Yung Shau	"	28
"Saddle—Yung On Yek	"	27
Pig's Chitterlings—Chu Chong	"	25
"Brains—Chu No	per set	3
"Feet—Chu Kank	lb.	14
"Fry—Chu Chap	"	15
Head—Chu Tai	"	14
"Heart—Chu Sam	each	9
"Kidney—Chu Yiu	"	9
"Liver—Chu Kiu	lb.	15
Pork Chops—Chu Fai Kwai	"	24
"Leg—Chu Fai Kwai	"	28
"Loin—Chu Hau Tun	"	28
"Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	"	22

Sheep's Head and Feet—Yung	"	20
"Tail—Chu Kank	each	70
"Heart—Yung Sam	each	10
"Kidney—Yung Yiu	each	12
"Liver—Yung Kiu	lb.	13
Sucking Pigs to order—Chu Tai	"	90
Head, Beef—Shang Ngai Yau	"	30
Mutton—Shang Ngai Yau	"	30
Veal—Ngai Tai Yek	"	20
Sausages—Ngai Tai Cheung	No. 1 lb.	20

## Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	22
Bream—Pin Yu	"	19
Canton Fresh Water Fish	"	22
Carry—Li Yu	"	24
Catfish—Chu Yu	"	15
Codfish—Man Yu	"	20
Cray—Hoi	"	28
Cuttle Fish—Mok Yu	"	15
Dah—Sha Mang Yu	"	17
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	"	14
Dog Fish—Tsi To Sha	"	10
Eel, Conger—Hoi Man	"	22
"Fresh water—Tam Shai Yu	"	28
"Yellow—Wong Shai	"	28
Frog—Tin Kiu	"	36
Garcupa—Shok Pan	"	40
Goddern—Pak Kap Yu	"	18
Herring—Two Pak	"	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kai	"	22
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	"	20
Loach—We Yu	"	40
Lobster—Long Ha	"	40
Mackerel—Oh Yu	"	20
Milk Fish—Mong Yu	"	20
Mullet—Tai Yu	"	20
Oysters—Shang Ho	"	28
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	"	18
Perch—Tao Lo	"	24
Pike—Pa Fan Fong	"	18
Plaice—Pan Yu	"	30
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	"	28
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	"	28
Prawn—Ming Ha	"	45
Say—Pa Fa Sha	"	14
Rock Fish—Shok Kung	"	24
Roach—Chin Yu	"	22
Sole—Ma Yu	"	10
Shark—Shi Yu	"	45
Snake—Po Yu	"	10
Shrimps—Ha	"	28
Snapper—Lap Yu	"	32
Sole—Tai Sha Yu	"	24
Tench—Wan Yu	"	22
Turbot—Tao Hau Yu	"	26
Turbot, small, fresh water	"	55
Kenk Yu	"	55

## Foultry.

Chicken—Kai Tai	lb.	35
Capon, Small—Sin Kai	"	30
Capon, Large—Sin Kai	"	32
Duck—Ap	"	22
Dove—Pan Kai	"	15
Egg, Hen—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	28	
Egg, Hen—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	26	
Fowl, Canton—Kai	"	34
Fowl, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	"	28
Goose—Ngo	"	24
Pigeon, Canton—Pak Nap	each	50
"Hollow—Hoi Nam Pak Nap	"	50
Turkey, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	65
Turkey, Hen—Fo Kai Na	"	56
Goose—Shi Tai	"	24
Phasian—Shen Kai	"	14
Quail—On Chon	"	14
Partridge—Che Kai	"	65

## Fruits.

Almonds—Heng Yan	lb.	35
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan	"	24
Bananas, (Hindu), Miao—Sen	"	4
Carambola—Yung To	"	12
Cocoanuts—Yo Tse	each	10
Lemons, China—Lung Miao	lb.	8
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan	"	6
Ling Miao—each	6	
Lichess, Dried, (small stone)	"	150
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet	"	6
Shan-sheng Tin Chang	lb.	6
Oranges, Tin Chang	"	8
Pears, (Canton), Cooking—Shi Li	"	15
Peaches—Pa Shang	"	14
Pineapples, Large—Hing Tai	"	3
Plantain—Tai Chiu	"	3
Pumelo, Sham—Tsin Lo Yau	each	15
Walnuts—Hop To	"	14
Grapes—Po Tai Yu	"	22

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheek	each	0
Beans, Sprout—Nga Tai	"	0
Long—Tan Kook	"	0
Beet Root—Hung Tso Tai	"	2
Bitter Squash—Pa Kwa	"	2
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yiu Yu	"	3
Red—Hing Kwa	"	19
Cabbage—Chinese, (common)	"	12
(Kai Tai)	"	12
(Shanghai)—Ya Tai	"	94
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	"	15
Cauliflower (Large)—Ya Tsoi Faach	"	20
(Medium)	"	18
(Small)	"	15
Carrots—Kam Shun	"	17
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kau Tai	"	14
Chillies, Dried—Kon Lat Chin	"	11
Red—Hong Fa Chiu	"	22
Green—Ching Lat Chiu	"	23
Curry Stew, English—Ka Li Chu Lai	"	36
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	"	18
Gazle—Sui Tai	"	20
Ginger, young—Sui Tse Keung	"	23
Ginger, old—Lo Keung	"	22
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Ksu	"	29
Indian Corn—Shok Mai	"	40
Lettnoe—Yung Sheng Tsoi	"	32
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	"	30
Mandarin—Kwai	"	32
Lam Ma Tai	"	28
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tse Kiu	"	18
Onions, Bombay—Yang Chung Tai	"	24
Onions, Green—Shang Chung Tai	"	30
Onions, Shanghai—Sheng-bu	"	30
Chung Tai	"	30
Parsley—Kun Tai	"	14
Potato—Sui Tai	"	15
Japanese—Yat Fan Shi Tai	"	24
American—Fa Ki Shi Tai	"	20
Pumpkin—Tung Kwa	"	10
Radish—Hung Lo Pak	"	46
Rhubarb—Ching Yiu Yu	"	10
Shallots—Chong Chung Tai	"	36
Spinach—Yin Tai	"	22
Tomatoes—Fan Ka	"	26
Taro—Wu Tan	"	34
Turnip, French, (Long)	"	26
Vegetable, Chinese—Tse Kwa	"	34
Water Cress—Sal Yung Tsoi	"	55
Lily root—Lin Nga	"	55
Yams—Tai Shu	"	55



## THE FRENCH ALLIANCE.

## STRONG AMERICAN CRITICISM.

The "New Republic" publishes an article in which it attacks the alliance concluded between France, Great Britain, and America. After maintaining that the words "unprovoked aggression" have no meaning, and that Germany without sea power and with a ruined steel industry can never be a menace to France in a military sense, the writer goes on to say—

"The purpose of this treaty is not to protect France against a German invasion. The French Government is not so unrealistic as all that. French diplomacy is seasoned, and it is not as sentimental as it may look. The French are not asking Mr. Wilson to sign this alliance to protect them against Germany. They know perfectly well that the League is every bit as good protection as this treaty. Whatever their other scepticism, they know that America would resist 'unprovoked aggression' under the Covenant just as readily as under the treaty, and with their control of the press they could just as easily not make this plain to the French people."

"The object of this treaty is to create a clique within a clique, a governing body within the Council, which is itself a governing body within the League. The object is to create a Franco-British-American bloc for diplomatic purposes. For the Quai d'Orsay knows, though Mr. Wilson may not, that the words of an alliance mean nothing, that the fact of the alliance is all important. With such a treaty signed the Quai d'Orsay believes that it can pocket American influence in the League, leaving Britain supreme overseas and France supreme in Europe. French diplomacy knows that such a combination is diplomatically invincible."

It knows something more. It knows how utterly incompetent and inexperienced American diplomacy in Europe is, how easily it is hoodwinked, how bad its sources of information, how ignorant of history, how tender-minded. On America is "grouped" as the diplomats say, the Quai d'Orsay will speak in Europe for the group. That is the purpose of the Quai d'Orsay."

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HONGKONG, 23rd OCTOBER, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

Sterling Exchange 4/6 T. T.

Hongkong Bank ... \$840 s.

MARTIN INVESTMENTS.

Canton Ins. ... \$440 b.

North China Ins. ... T. 300 b.

Union Ins. ... \$310 s.

Yankee Ins. ... \$370 n.

Far Easters ... T. 35 b.

FIRE INSURANCE.

China Fire Ins. ... \$133 n.

Hongkong Fire Ins. ... \$348 b.

SAVES.

Douglas ... \$81 s.

H.K. Steamship ... \$34 s.

Indo-China (Frd.) ... \$30 n.

Do. (Dob.) ... \$197 b.

Shell Transport ... \$165 b.

Star Lines ... \$30 b. 33 s.

RAFFLES.

China Sugar ... \$164 b. 170 s.

Malacca Sugar ... \$45 s.

MINE.

Kallian Mining Adm. ... \$114 b.

Langkate ... T. 194 n.

Shanghai Loans ... \$210 n.

Ranch ... \$210 n.

Trench Mining ... \$38 s.

Ural Coalfields ... \$478 b.

DOCK, WHARF, GODOWN, &amp;c.

H. &amp; E. Wharves ... \$110 n.

H. &amp; W. Docks ... \$176 n.

Shanghai Docks ... T. 120 b.

New Engineering ... T. 28 n.

LARGE, HOUSES, &amp; BUILDINGS.

Central Hotels ... \$1064 n.

Hongkong Hotels ... \$130 n.

Hongkong Lands ... \$180 s.

Humphreys ... \$34 s.

Kowloon Lands ... \$46 n.

Land Reclamations ... \$175 n.

West Point ... \$30 n.

CORROR MILLS.

Ewo Cottons ... T. 360 b.

Kang Yik ... T. 41 b.

Kong Kung Mills ... T. 540 b.

Oriental ... T. 140 n.

Shanghai Cottons ... T. 260 b.

Yangtze Cottons ... T. 31 b.

MINERAL PRODUCE.

Cements ... \$7 s.

China-Borneo ... \$12 b.

China Lights Old \$7 &amp; New \$8 b.

China-Providents ... \$8 s.

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H.K. Electric ... \$78 b.

Macao No. ... \$34 n.

Hongkong Ropes ... \$294 n.

H.K. Tramways (Old) ... \$8 s.

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WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

October 22, 11A. 45m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan, Formosa or Cape St. James.

Pressure changes since yesterday are small at all reporting stations.

A strong anticyclone is central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-morrow, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on October 24th, 0.00 inch.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, fresh; fine to clear. The same as No. 1.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

OCTOBER 23, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind. Weather.
Vladivostok	6A.						
Manila	6A.						
Hakodate	6A.						
Tokyo	6A.						
Kobe	6A.						
Nagasaki	6A.						
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